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SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1762, February 26-March 4, 2015

Thu 0430 WRMI 9955 [confirmed]
Thu 1330 WRMI 9955 [confirmed]
Fri 0001 WRMI 9395 via Global 24 [confirmed]
Fri 2130 WRMI 7570 & 15770 [confirmed]
Sat 0730 HLR 7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 1000 WRMI 5850
Sat 1530 HLR 7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Sat 2030v WA0RCR 1860-AM [NEW]
Sun 0200 WH2XDE-1 1750 Victor NY
Sun 0230 KVOH 9975 [confirmed]
Sun 0415v WA0RCR 1860-AM [NEW: confirmed at 0424]
Sun 2300 WRMI 11580 [confirmed]
Mon 0400v WBCQ 5110v Area 51
Mon 2201 WRMI 9395 via Global 24
Tue 1200 WRMI 9955
Wed 0401 WRMI 9395 via Global 24
Wed 0730 HLR 7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 1415 WRMI 9955
Wed 1530 HLR 7265-CUSB Hamburger Lokalradio
Wed 2200 WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2201 WRMI 9395 via Global 24

Thu 0430 WRMI 9955 [or 1763 if ready in time]

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WORLD OF RADIO PODCASTS:

Tnx to Dr Harald Gabler and the Rhein-Main Radio Club.

<http://www.rmrc.de/index.php?>

[option=com_podcast&view=feed&format=raw&Itemid=156&lang=de](http://www.rmrc.de/index.php?option=com_podcast&view=feed&format=raw&Itemid=156&lang=de)

or directly via:

<http://bit.ly/1xD5yyn>

AND ALTERNATIVE, tnx Stephen Cooper, because RMRC was down:

<http://shortwave.am/wor.xml>

AND ANOTHER ALTERNATIVE, tnx to Keith Weston:

<http://feeds.feedburner.com/GlennHausersWorldOfRadio>

Also via [but still not back in service]:

<http://tunein.com/radio/World-of-Radio-p198/>

OUR ONDEMAND AUDIO:

<http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html>

or <http://wor.worldofradio.org>

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** ALBANIA. 7425, Feb 25 at 0227, R. Tirana is very poorly audible with IS, so still on the air. Last time I checked this N American service in English, it was missing after 0230 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALGERIA. Did you already see the new G.E. Tipaza longwave site images, like of Oct. 2014 and January 9, 2015 viewed?

The single longwave mast is now beautiful newly red and white colour painted, in October 2014 sees beautiful the entire ground network, as if new copper wire were placed as laid in the earth. Before, there was never such a G.E. Image sight in Tipaza area region before.

If I have lost count, it looks like 120 Copper metal strip trench ditches laid out each 3 degrees direction, of each 360 meters in length on entire perimeter.

I'm curious when the official inauguration at Tipaza will occur this spring. Maybe they let the Transradio Berlin and Ampegon Schifferstadt antenna establishment firm workers to finish work on both Bechar Knadsa and Ouled Fayet construction sites ... ? [shortwave]

The Harris transmitters were inaugurated in January and in March of 2010. You had discovered at that time the official announcement on the TDA website (Wolfgang B,schel, Feb 12, BCDX 20 Feb via DXLD)

And much more in this issue about the lethargic Algerian LW, MW and SW transmitter site projects (gh, DXLD)

** ANGUILLA. 11775, Feb 24 at 1458, University Network is missing from day frequency; maybe still stuck on night frequency which is inaudible this late on 6090, but could be detected in Florida, if on (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. 15345.090 kHz, hopping up and down to x.119 kHz, RAE Buenos Aires in English language. 1845 UT Feb 20 (Wolfgang B,schel, Germany, Feb 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. "Two powerful storms were on track to smash into northern Australia, where officials urged residents to flee coastal areas or take shelter in anticipation of drenching rains, fierce winds and possible flooding.

The twin storms, dubbed the icyclone sandwichî by locals, were both expected to hit remote areas when they make landfall early Friday, about 2,500 kilometres apart. Cyclone Lam was heading for a sparsely-populated stretch of the Northern Territory, while the more powerful Cyclone Marcia was expected to hit the eastern coast of Queensland state a few hours later with wind gusts up to 295 kilometres an hour."

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/world/destructive-cyclone-sandwich-bear-down-on-australia/article23069167/>

(via Ron Howard, CA, dxldyg via DXLD)

Seems tomorrow would be a good day to check on Australian stations. This morning on 4835 (ABC Alice Springs), had many live reports about evacuations. RA normal programs today (Feb 19), but maybe tomorrow will relay a local radio station, as they have done in the past? (Ron Howard, San Francisco, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

AUSTRALIA'S QUEENSLAND HIT BY BAD WEATHER

Southgate February 20, 2015

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/2015/february/queensland_hit_by_bad_weather.htm

Major damage has already been caused by Tropical Cyclone Marcia that came ashore ripping roofs off, downing trees, damaging powerlines and other infrastructure. It was too early to know the full damage extent of the Category 5 cyclone with 250 kilometre per hour winds that hit Yeppoon, and lost intensity as it slowly moved south.

The Central Queensland Amateur Radio Association is on 7098 KHz and the 2m repeater. Other WICEN groups are ready to help the responding emergency services. The few left on Queensland tourist coastal islands are in cyclone shelters.

Good news is that there has been no loss of life. During previous major Queensland cyclones extensive agricultural crops were lost.

A separate weather system had dumped rain over south-east Queensland including the capital of Brisbane, causing some localised flooding. That situation could potentially worsen as Marcia heads further south.

Meantime Cyclone Lam engulfed the north-east of the Northern Territory. Early evacuation of lightly populated islands and sheltering from that storm had been effective. --- Jim Linton VK3PC, Chairman IARU Region 3 Disaster Communications Committee.
(via Mike Terry, Feb 20, dxldyg via DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. 2325, VL8T (Tennant Creek) ABC / NT Service 2/23, 1050. M and W with interview program to rock music cut just before the hour. Fair and with fair // on 2485 (via Katherine). (Rick Barton, (far north) Peoria AZ, listening from my tent by the lake, Grundig Satellit 750, 20' wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 11590, Feb 20 at 1332, good signal from RBA playing Garfunkel's ``Bridge Over Troubled Waters``, which is really about friendship, but no doubt projected by gospel huxters into something religious, imaginary friends. 1334 into Hindi talk mixed seamlessly with heavily Hindi-accented English about children's welfare (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRIA. 11880, Feb 19 at 0634, choral music, poor-fair, roughly equal to 11870 WEWN, but have not noticed this before. 0641 Arabic talk but weakening. HFCC shows it's AWR via Moosbrunn at 0600-0700, 300 kW at 190 degrees (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AZERBAIJAN. Ictimai Radio with FM modulation on SW again on air: from 1143 9676.7 UNIDentified tx site to CeAs Azeri, video on Feb 19 from 0845 9676.7 UNIDentified tx site to CeAs Azeri, video on Feb 20 <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/ictimai-radio-again-on-air-on-feb19.html> (DX RE MIX NEWS #897 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Feb. 23, 2015 via DXLD)

February 19:

Ictimai Radio in Azeri to CeAs 1143 on 9676.7 UNID tx in FM mode
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I6g45CvfaQY&feature=youtu.be>

February 20: Ictimai Radio in Azeri to CeAs 0845 on 9676,7 UNID tx in FM mode

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMwaPLr9NVQ&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Ictimai Radio with FM modulation on shortwave again on air: from 0800 on 9676.7 UNIDentified tx site to CeAs Azeri, video on Feb 20 at 0845 <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/ictimai-radio-again-on-air-on-feb19.html> 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, ibid.)

This second report does not refer to Azerbaijan. The 5 kW, 9677v transmitter is listed in WRTH 2015 on page 90 under AZERBAIJAN, sub-heading Mountainous Karabagh [sic] as in Stepanakert, but under two other names, nothing about Ictimai:

Adal%tin S%si, in Azeri Wed & Sat 0600-0630 and Tue & Fri 1400-1430 and Tolisstoni S%do, c/o R. Impuls, in Yerevan, Armenia, M-F in Talysh, Azeri: 09-10, 12-13, 15-16, times vary; nothing aboout Ictimai (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BAHRAIN [and non]. Using U Twente online SDR. Works really well with no required downloads. But, in DX terms, this must be cheating! Heard Arabic, Ae=r [? sic] music on 9745 late afternoon Feb 18. I presume this is Bahrain 60 kW. I only get a trace carrier on my own receiver.

I can also hear AIR national channel in 9.3 MHz region [9380?], something I have failed to do with my own receiver from the outset. The UTwente SDR is set up for best MW reception from a North/South direction, so no good for transatlantic DX (Derek Lynch, Ireland, Feb

19, WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. February 18:

Bangladesh Betar in English to WeEu 1819 on 13580 Dhaka

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tbrgC87GFkU&feature=youtu.be>

Bangladesh Betar in English to WeEu 1830 on 13580 Dhaka

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rnw7b2yQBME&feature=youtu.be>

Bangladesh Betar in English to WeEu 1845 on 13580 Dhaka

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6EWbnnZacvQ&feature=youtu.be>

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15505, Feb 25 at 1359:28, 5+1 mistimesignal ends from Bangladesh Betar before opening Urdu service. JBA signal, but the MTS cuts thru (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELARUS. 6080, Radio Belarus BR1 program at 127 degrees azimuth towards Ukraine, Caucasus and eastern Russia, at 16-21 UT registered from Kalodzicy site, suffered by heavy BUZZ bassy distortion audio, 5 x peaks visible on Perseus screen each sideband exact 100 Hertz apart distance. Noted at remote SDR unit in Victor's place in Piliyandala in Sri Lanka island. S=9+25dB or -48dBm strength at 2012 UT (Wolfgang B,schel, Feb 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6155, Radio Belarus - Minsk/Kalodzicy (Presumed), 2237-2300*. Talk in what appeared to be Russian by a woman, occasionally joined by a man. Music at 2250 followed by talk by a man at 2253. Music again at 2257, possibly national anthem. Announcements at 2259. Gone at 2300. Weak signal with fading and not the best audio, keeping above the noise most of the time. Presume this to be Radio Belarus, definitely not China. Checked 11730 and found the usual weak carrier with no discernible audio. 2/18/2015 (Jim Evans, Germantown TN, Perseus, IC-R75, ICF-SW7600G, PL-880, PL-660, PL-380, Random Wire, Wellbrook Loop. All logs this week from PL-880, PL-660, and random wire, NASWA Flashsheet Feb 22 via DXLD)

11730, Radio Belarus, at 2125, on 17 Feb. The station is barely coming through at this time. I am using USB and I can just barely hear a male voice talking. The program is listed as being in English at this time. JBA (John Cooper, Lebanon PA, Winradio-G33DDC, CommRadio CR-1A, RF Space-SDR-IQ, Sangean ATS-909X w/ Clear Mod, Tecsun PL-660, Wellbrook ALA 1530+, Super Sloper Tuned All Band Antenna, PARS-SWL End Fed x 2, NASWA Flashsheet Feb 22 via DXLD)

11730, Radio Belarus ñ Kalodziscy (Presumed), 1417, 2/22/15 in Russian. Man talking at length. Abruptly off mid sentence at 1418 (Mark Taylor, Madison, Wisconsin, Perseus, WinRadio g313e, Eton e1,

Grundig Satellit 800 & G3, Sangean 909X with clear mod, Tecsun PL 660; 40 meters dipole, RF Systems Mk 2, Flextenna, NASWA Flashsheet Feb 22 via DXLD)

11730, Belarus Radio from Minsk Kalodzicy, carries once again terrible audio today. Some scratching spurious signals additionally on both sidebands on wideband range 11698-11710.4 and 11750-11762 kHz. Fundamental BR Kalodzicy on 11730 produces a powerful S=9+45dB signal in southern Germany target (Wolfgang B,schel, Some noon Germany logs on Feb 20 at 1130-1255 UT slot, [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz], wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 20 via DXLD)

Kalodzicy on 11730 kHz produces some more spurious products ON the AIR this afternoon. Also an additional 2nd order spurious too on 11675-11684 and 11775-11784 kHz, around 1450 UT (Wolfgang B,schel, Feb 20, dxldyg via DXLD)

** BHUTAN. No positive ID but almost certain that I heard Bhutan 19 Feb, after 0115 UTC 6035. Unid Asian language, stringed instrument and flute. Heard chanting in the same broadcast a few nights ago. Reasonable signal with only slight splatter from Cuban jammer on 6030. On my own HF receiver (Derek Lynch, Ireland, Feb 19, WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also UNID 6033-

** BOLIVIA. 6025, R. PATRIA NUEVA, 20/2 0302 UT. Transmisi n del partido entre San Jos  y River Plate. SINPO: 54444 con leve siseos de R. Marti en 6030 (Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160; ANT: Hilo de 40 metros + 20 metros de antena de tierra; QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Regi n, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

6025, R. PATRIA NUEVA, 21/2 0328 UT. M sica folcl rica e IDs. SINPO: 42342 con QRM de R. Mart  (Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160; ANT: Beverage [sic], 40 metros; QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Regi n, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 6105, R. PANAMERICANA, 20/2 0232 UT. ID de Panamericana, f tbol con todo el alma. San Jos  de Oruro, Bolivia versus River Plate de Buenos Aires, Argentina (grupo 6, Copa Libertadores). SINPO: 55444 con sobre modulaci n (Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160; ANT: Hilo de 40 metros + 20 metros de antena de tierra; QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Regi n, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** BOTSWANA. Some SPURIOUS spike signals noted (seen and VoA French! heard) on very excellent services from IBB Botswana, and from similar area of BBC Ascension Isl at 1850 UT too.

BOTSWANA, 15580, VoA English BOT S=9+40dB and 15730 VoA French service at S=9+40dB, latter accompanied by some spurious spikes on

15654.522

15699.813

15760.179

15805.460

[selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz]

(Wolfgang B, schel, Germany, Feb 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

VOA French on 15730 is via Greenville at 1930-2030, but before and after then, it's via Botswana (gh, DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 11747 & 11813, Feb 19 at 0635, very poor but detectable crackling spurs from 11780.1v, RNB/RNA.

11814 & 11746 approx., Feb 24 at 0103, weakly audible cracking spurs at modulation spike peaks from 11780.1v, RNA/RNB, while the very strong fundamental is splashing out to 12 kHz either side.

11747 & 11813, Feb 25 at 0618, crackling spurs audible from 11780.1v, RNA/RNB (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11765v, Feb 25 at 0619, SRDA Curitiba with music, very poor, but not preaching by Davi[d] Miranda, who died Feb 22, according to a report by Leonardo Ivo on the radioescutas group. I don't recall if he used to be heard at this particular hour, but it would be typical. He's the wailing gospel huxter mixing Portuguese and Spanish into ``Portunhol'', who could be heard on so many Brazilian SW frequencies (per Aoki & WRTH, SRDA on 6060, 6120, 9565, 9585v, 11765) and also some Spanish-speaking countries --- what do you bet he lives on the radiowaves forever like his dead American counterparts? Maybe not. Leonardo says even before he died, there was a power struggle by his children for control of the IPDA church; he hopes the SW network might dissolve and some good stations come back (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. MORRE DAVID MIRANDA --- Prezados, Morreu ontem, às 23:45, David Martins Miranda, fundador da igreja Pentecostal Deus É Amor. Ele está sendo velado na sede sua igreja em São Paulo e será sepultado na mesma cidade.

Para nós existis n, o h. como ignorar sua presença no meio radiofônico, uma vez que comprou ou arrendou diversas emissoras pelo Brasil a fora, sobretudo emissoras de OM e o OC, o que tem feito com que emissoras que transmitiam nestas faixas deixassem de existir.

Agora resta saber como ficara as emissoras controladas pela IPDA, j. que seu líder morreu e h. uma briga entre os filhos deste pelo controle da igreja, algo que j. ocorria quando ele era vivo. Torço pra que a rede dele se desfça e boas emissoras possam resurgir. Gostaria

de saber a opini o de voc s. Abs, (Leonardo Ivo Neves da Silva, Rio de Janeiro - RJ, Feb 22, radioescutas yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DXLD)

DAVID MIRANDA died on Feb 22. [Some had assured me his name was Davi.] He's the wailing gospel huxter mixing Portuguese and Spanish into ``Portunhol``, who could be heard on so many Brazilian SW frequencies and also some Spanish-speaking countries --- what do you bet he lives on the radiowaves forever like his dead American counterparts? Maybe not. This poster says even before he died there was a power struggle by his children for control of the IPDA church; he hopes the SW network might dissolve and some good stations come back (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

At their local church here in Montevideo, 2 blocks away from my workshop their sign on the street reads David, not Davi. 73 (Horacio Nigro, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Unfortunately I suspect if the Pentecostal Deus   Amor funding dries up, these SW transmitters will leave the air for good (Brandon Jordan, TN, ibid.)

It's been said that the elder son, a candidate to follow this church leadership, is more prone to the Social Networks (Horacio Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay, ibid.)

Ah sure, bye bye many Brazilian transmitters :((Brandon Jordan, ibid.)

This led to a very long thread on the radioescutas group discussing the demerits of Miranda and what he has done to radio, SW in Brasil. Well worth reading; run thru Google translate if necessary. Some of them skipped accents but I have not tried to fix them all (Glenn Hauer, DXLD)

Re: Morre David Miranda

Comungo a sua opini o: Que a rede se desfa a! O Espectro agradece! (Jo o Ricardo Bergamini, py4tw, 23 Feb, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

O berreiro dele se calou pra sempre. O r dio fica mais livre dessa forma rid cula de pregar religi o. S  a morte p de nos salvar. X , lixo (Luiz Chaine Neto, Limeira SP, ibid.)

Prezados, Sinceramente n o acredito que especialmente as emissoras locais de OC possam sobreviver sem o arrendamento de seus transmissores a IPDA. N o h  tantos ouvintes nas OC que justifiquem os anunciantes para bancarem os altos custos de energia e manuten  o dos transmissores, alem de que nem todos tem interesse em chegar mais longe.

Somente Igrejas tem condições de bancar tal empreendimento em estações comerciais de pequeno ou médio porte. Quando da ocorrência da menor dificuldade econômica a primeira coisa que fazem é arrendar os transmissores de OC ou simplesmente desliga-los para cortar custos. Infelizmente é essa a realidade, o que tem dado uma sobrevida às OC só justamente as Igrejas, gostemos ou não. 73 a todos (Sergio Partamian, Enviado pelo meu Windows Phone, ibid.)

Boa noite Leonardo Ivo, Toda morte é triste, apesar de eu ter sido um eterno discordante do Sr. Davi [sic] Miranda, não é o caso de citar aqui as incontáveis divergências tinha dele de tudo o que ele apresentava nos seus "Shows de milagres" e nos seus espetáculos teatrais onde milhares de demônios eram expulsos por ele cotidianamente e curiosamente eles sempre retornavam, mesmo assim é uma pena que uma vida se foi.

O fato dele ter tido uma mega rede de emissoras nas OM e nas OC não foi culpa dele, ele apenas solicitava isso de alguém, e teria sido somente a Anatel quem lhe cedia os incontáveis canais na faixa de rádio de HF para ele ser o "apóstolo de Deus" como ele se auto intitulava nessas incontáveis redes de espetáculos tendendo ao macabro?

O AM como se conhece bem o rádio das OM, o não FM está triste, acabado, eu não gosto de ouvir OM, apenas a CBN e a Rádio Bandeirantes daqui do Rio, as demais não existem mais para mim.

Ele tem um filho que tem o seu nome com Junior e é um pregador que poderia, ou deveria ser o seu sucessor? mas aquele teatro cínico incrível que o Sr. Davi Miranda fazia no rádio, só ele conseguia fazer aquilo com aquela voz cavernosa e eternamente trêmula e chorosa inconfundível, ele foi um excepcional ator e eu não acredito que o seu filho Junior, por mais treinado que ele tenha sido, não conseguir de forma alguma chegar aos pés de seu pai, o Sr Davi Miranda era único, mesmo para aqueles que não o admiravam como eu, eu reconheço que ele foi único e não deveria ter um substituto que tenha o jogo cínico e a destreza teatral que ele teve no rádio, morreu um grande ator, não importa se ele era de uma religião ou um ateu meramente cenográfico e de uma destreza teatral incrível? mas ele era inconfundível, sem dúvida acho que um outro Sr Davi Miranda não teremos nunca mais (Alfredo Meurer Jr, ibid.)

Alfredo, Faco das suas palavras as minhas. Falou tudo. Posso compartilhar seu texto? abs, (Leonardo Ivo Neves da Silva, ibid.)

Oi Leonardo, Faz o seguinte; escreve ele como se tivéssemos escrito juntos, eu ficarei contente com isso. Um abraço (Alfredo, ibid.)

Nao se preocupem que vai ter outro berrando no lugar do davi miranda todos nesta igreja sabem berrar sao especialistas nisto nao acredito que vai haver diminui ao das emissoras de radio da rede super radio deus   amor devera assumir outro pastor missionario no lugar do davi miranda podem ser filho filha ou outro parente proximo que vai dar seguimento ao trabalho do davi miranda muito dificele que acabe as radios do grupo pelas ondas curtas para cada seguimento da igreja ha um responsavel e dinheiro   o que menos falta para eles nao esperem tregua nas ondas curtas. Eles vao continuar berrando nas madrugadas infelizmente (Paulo Roberto Peres Michelin Michelin, Porto Alegre RS, ibid.) [sic]

Alfredo, Fa o suas, minhas palavras. N o s  por convic  o mas por radialista que conheceu e convivi com ele por algum tempo. Ele era um homem muito esperto, tanto que conseguiu escapar da cadeia dezenas de vezes, j  que sua igreja est  envolvida com dezenas de processos de lavagem de dinheiro, tr fico de drogas e inclusive patroc nio de escravid o sexual de fi eis. Conhecendo a briga de fam lia que ali existe h  20 anos, acredito que num primeiro momento vai haver um ajuste de farpas entre eles, j  que seu ex-genro deixou claro que no ato de sua morte, publicaria um livro contanto detalhes das falcatruas que ele promovia. Tirando o foi o da Igreja em si, j  que ela   uma empresa como qualquer outra, vai haver um ajuste de loca  o das emissoras, que n o eram dele, e sim, arrendadas ou sob tutela de uso, coisa muito comum entre as igrejas evang licas.

Penso eu que quem curte hist ria, que grave seus indicativos, chamadas de programas, porque n o duvido que no dividir do bolo, a coisa possa ficar negra e certos canais sejam, devolvidos a seus donos.

Em tempo: Miranda foi sempre um grande ator. Assisti suas prega es ao vivo dentro de um ambiente rid culo e idolatrado, de vidro. Todo o processo de explora  o da f  das pessoas sempre foi muito bem feito. Aluno fiel de outros mission rios, sabe-se nos bastidores do r dio al  no Rio, que seu primeiro interlocutor foi o falecido Alziro Zarur, ortodoxo que j  nos anos 50 usava do calor das transmiss es para atingir seus ouvintes. Zarur muito mais culto, fundou a Legi o da Boa Vontade, onde implantou o apelo ecum nico entre igreja e institui es diversas. Miranda j  naquela  poca transitava nos bastidores do r dio, e enxergou neste meio um segmento que n o era explorado at  ent o. Curiosamente, ele usava de certos apelos emocionais que s o bastante divergentes, como n o assistir televis o, cortar o cabelo, ter vida desregrada. Mas um de seus endere os num local que n o posso comentar, tem 4 andares e   forrado de luxo, muita sofistica  o e televisores de  ltima gera  o. #deuseumnegocio Abs (Denis Zoqbi, ibid.)

S ergio, Acredite voc  que a quest o nesta situa  o delicada da IPDA

nem sejam os anunciantes, j. que as gravadoras, as empresas de representaç, s, o 80% dos mesmos propriet.rios das igrejas. Ou seja, eles promovem e vendem seus pr.rios produtos. A audi.ncia em OC n. que somos dexistas sabemos que n, o existe, mas elas geram cartas, mensagens, posi.ies de ouvintes que sinalizam a sua exist.ncia, e isso vende, entende?

A encenaç, o demon.ica, naquele portunhol horr.vel, nasceu da. Eu demonstro para uma demanda X que eu falo com um p.blico Y, e eles jamais ter, o como contestar, n, o sabem onde estas pessoas est, o. Existindo ou n, o, eu exploro essa audi.ncia.

A quest, o da fam.ia Miranda ser. uma briga de poder que j. registra 20 anos. A hist.ria . s.irdida. De separaç, o a quase incesto. Ex-genro publicando livros que contam falcatuas da fam.ia e at. esquemas de lavagem de dinheiro. Isso sim pode e deve tirar as r.dios do ar.

Tamb. penso que independente do foco da emissora ser religioso. O importante . que se tratava de uma emissora de r.dio, seja ela qual for. Na d.vida, gravem indficativos de chamadas e vinhetas. Nunca sabemos quando estas emissoras sair, o do ar.

O Davi Filho n, o . bobo, ele n, o vai deixar a Igreja parar pela morte do pai, j. que isso lucra mais de 1.5 milh, o por m. a seu bolso. 73, (Denis Zoqbi, ibid.)

Meu estimado amigo Deniz, Todo esse seu relato abaixo era por demais conhecido, eu sabia disso tudo, mas por quest.ies, vamos dizer; diplom.ticas e .bvias, eu n, o citei nem parte disso aqui.

Esse universo chamado petencostal deveria ser s.riamente investigado e j., imediatamente, eu n, o estou aqui ofendendo a f., seja ela qual for? a f. n, o tem nada . ver com atitudes que s, o feitas em nome dela, a f. . uma coisa pessoal de cada pessoa.

Deniz, como voc. . incrivelmente esclarecido e com um mega conhecimento geral, voc. sabe muito bem quem ficou no lugar do Alziro Zarur morto em 1979 e o que ele tem de bens materiais? o Jornal o Globo fez uma semana direta h. uns anos atr.s super reportagens sobre o Sr Jos. de Paiva Neto, da LBV mostrando os seus bens, ou melhor, as mans.ies que ele tem em Brasilia.

Como ele conseguiu comprar aquilo tudo? com os livros que ele escreve? Com as suas inexpressivas obras musicais completamente desconhecidas no mercado fonogr.fico?

Eu sinceraente desejo muito que todos os podres dessa gente toda seja jogado em giganescos ventiladores, a populaç, o miser.vel que alimenta

essa gente tem que cair na real que; ou eles se aglutinam em lugares publicos, como praças, ou até mesmo em gramados e rezam, fazem as suas rezas ou orações sem precisarem de mega templos, orar em qualquer lugar. É uma fé, não é preciso estar dentro de um templo faraônico para quem acredita? chegar a Deus.

Eu sinceramente quero que tudo isso citado abaixo aconteça para o Sr e mega empresário da fé e um mega ator Davi Miranda seja desmascarado em publico e todos os outros que se alimentam da fé de milhares e pessoas inocentes e tão humildes que neles depositam tudo o que eles têm, ou em outras palavras; quase nada.

Muitos que entram num desses mega templos só têm a roupa que está no seu corpo e por pura fé, isso não é tão covarde?

Vamos torcer para que a nossa justiça seja realmente "cega" e faça justiça verdadeira contra esses indivíduos que destroem a realidade e criaram mega empresas faraônicas tudo em nome da fé.

Um grande abraço a você Deniz, eu lhe tenho como um grande amigo e sou seu grande admirador de longa data (Alfredo Meurer, ibid.)

Concordo totalmente. Ontem mesmo, assim que soube dessa informação, na mesma hora eu disse: --- As ondas curtas respiram aliviadas! Pode parecer crueldade de minha parte, mas é o que sinto. Espero também que boas emissoras, com conteúdo de "qualidade" voltem a operar (João Araújo, São Paulo - SP, ibid.)

Leonardo, Se é que a rede deixar de existir (o que acho absolutamente improvável que ocorra num passe de mágica), se acaso isso acontecer, um sem número de outras redes ocuparão o espaço deixado. Nada vai mudar, a não ser o cenário piorar nos próximos anos. Tome como exemplo o número crescente de redes em FM...

Apesar de detestar todo e qualquer tipo de rede, acho que simplesmente demonizá-las é algo muito simplista. Um exemplo disso é a frequência de 5015 kHz da Rádio Cultura de Cuiabá. Há quantos anos essa frequência deixou de ser utilizada? Muitos, mas muitos mesmo. Só retornou por conta do aporte financeiro da IPDA.

O que dizer da RB2, que recentemente retornou às OCB? Não é essencialmente parte de uma rede, mas é mais um exemplo de esta, o que sem o aporte financeiro de um grupo religioso talvez jamais voltaria às ondas curtas.

Como disse acima, acho muito triste ver como o rádio é organizado em nosso país e que as redes dominam o Éter, mas uma análise abrangente também é necessária. 73 (Ivan Dias Jr. - Sorocaba/SP, ibid.)

Salve, dexistas! Sobre a sucessão de David Miranda, dei uma fuçada na Internet e achei isto aqui:

David Miranda Filho pode ser o novo presidente mundial da Igreja Pentecostal Deus É Amor

De imediato, a discussão gira em torno do sucessor de David Miranda. Apesar de possuir grande influência e liderança, o Pr. Lourival de Almeida dificilmente conseguirá romper o núcleo duro da família Miranda. Com 53 anos de história, a Igreja Pentecostal Deus É Amor sempre foi liderada por membros da família Miranda, um dos motivos pelos quais a denominação tem enfrentado resistências e deserções.

O mais provável é que David Miranda Filho será o próximo presidente mundial da IPDA. Com perfil mais liberal, o novo presidente poderá ser um fator determinante na abertura da denominação.

Diferente de seu pai, David Miranda Filho é um entusiasta das redes sociais e tem sido visto em reuniões informais, de forma descontraída e cercado por amigos. Não é o perfil desejável por parte do colegiado de obreiros, mas tende a assumir a presidência. A primeira eleição para a presidência poderá ser marcada por uma forte disputa e possíveis deserções.

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73s, (Valter Aguiar, Curitiba, Brasil, 23 de fev 18h44min, ibid.)

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A Igreja Pentecostal Deus É amor, a segunda maior igreja pentecostal do país, completou em 2012 meio século de existência. A igreja conta hoje com diversas filiais em vários países do mundo e uma gigantesca cadeia de rádios no Brasil e na América latina. Todo o êxito que a IPDA conquistou, se deve em grande parte à figura do Missionário David Miranda como líder dessa denominação. Sua autoridade impediu que a IPDA se dividisse em muitos levantes promovidos por obreiros rebelados. ... considerado homem de oração, característica rara entre a liderança da igreja hoje. ... um líder reservado. Não é vaidoso nem extravagante. Raras vezes tem seu nome exposto na imprensa. Miranda implantou uma doutrina rígida na IPDA que na visão de muitos, o favorece como sendo um dos poucos líderes que lutam para manter a santidade na igreja.

Miranda completou 76 anos em 04 de julho de 2012. Sua idade avançada já está começando a se tornar um impedimento para exercer plenamente sua função de liderança. Quando era mais novo realizava grandes concentrações pelo Brasil e pela América Latina. Isso ajudava muito a consolidação do nome da igreja no exterior. Diante desse problema, todos na IPDA já começam a cogitar a possibilidade do afastamento de David Miranda, seja por idade ou caso o Senhor o recolha. Com a vaga em aberto quem poderia assumir o lugar de David Miranda? Tem que ser um pastor muito bem preparado pois a tarefa será dura. O novo pastor terá que conter a saída de membros para outras denominações e rachas promovidos por obreiros insatisfeitos. Terá que convencer os membros que também é um especialista em curas e que tem autoridade incontestável.

Certamente ninguém fora do círculo familiar assumirá o cargo de líder da Deus É Amor. Os principais cargos na diretoria da igreja, sempre foram ocupados por familiares de David Miranda, o que indica que eles mesmo elegerão o novo líder. Muitos membros especulam os principais candidatos a sucessor, falaremos sobre eles.

Daniel Miranda ? ... o filho mais novo de David Miranda e membro da diretoria ocupando o cargo de diretor administrativo. ... principal candidato a assumir o cargo do pai. Ganhou destaque na igreja principalmente com a saída de Sérgio Sora, apontado até então como grande candidato. ... semelhante ao pai em diversos aspectos, principalmente nas pregações. Tem boa proximidade com as IPDAs na América latina, realizando com frequência concentrações nesses países pregando em espanhol. Possui a simpatia dos membros mais idosos da igreja. Sua esposa também administra congregações e ministra estudos bíblicos. Daniel Miranda foi visto recentemente em uma Assembleia de Deus ao lado do pastor Marco Feliciano. Se assumir a direção da igreja provavelmente promoverá maior proximidade com outras denominações.

Lourival de Almeida ? ... casado com Débora Miranda, filha do

missionário David Miranda. Se o novo líder da IPDA fosse escolhido a base do voto, certamente Lourival de Almeida ganharia o cargo. Tem excelente relacionamento com os jovens, um ponto bastante positivo a favor dele. Possui experiência missionária internacional. Fundou a IPDA nos Estados Unidos e ajudou a expansão da IPDA na América do Norte. Ao lado de sua esposa promove grandes eventos com os jovens. Sua pregação é bem elaborada e criativa assim como seu programa de rádio que é bastante dinâmico e informativo. Claramente possui pontos de vista diferentes de David Miranda em diversos aspectos relativos a doutrina da IPDA. O Pastor Lourival de Almeida quase não reforça a doutrina da IPDA em suas pregações.

Débora Miranda ? Seria uma surpresa enorme que uma mulher fosse escolhida para liderar a IPDA, mas não é uma possibilidade remota se Débora Miranda, filha do Missionário ocupasse o cargo. Embora hoje na IPDA a mulher não possa exercer o cargo de pastor, a igreja tem dado cada vez mais espaço para mulher. Antes não podiam nem subir ao púlpito, hoje já dirigem até Sedes Regionais. Débora na verdade já tem todas as funções de uma pastor administrativo: ... responsável pelas reuniões de obreiros e tesoureiras. Tem controle sobre as finanças da igreja e forte influência na diretoria. ... conhecida em todo o ministério por ser cantora. Ao lado de seu esposo, participa de várias concentrações na América Latina. Tem proximidade com os membros nas redes sociais, por ser apresentadora de rádio.

David Oliveira de Miranda Filho ? ... outro filho do missionário David Miranda, irmão gêmeo de Débora. ... conhecido como David Filho. Talvez seja o que menos tem chances de assumir o cargo do pai pois é considerado muito ?inconsistente?. Processou o SBT e o apresentador Ratinho. O motivo foi uma entrevista exibida no Programa do Ratinho, em 8 de junho de 2000, concedida ao apresentador por Raquel Borges Miranda, ex-mulher de David Filho. Na ocasião, Raquel teria atingido a imagem do marido, revelando fatos que corriam em segredo de justiça. Sua foto foi removida recentemente do link de líderes na página da Deus é Amor. Não há dados sobre a vida conjugal do pastor, algo que com certeza compromete muito sua credibilidade.

FONTE:

<http://tvpentecostal.com/o-dilema-da-igreja-deus-e-amor-quem-sera-o-sucessor-do-missionario-david-miranda/>
(Denis Zoqbi, ibid.)

Valter, Eu pessoalmente não vou discutir os conteúdos de religião, primeiro porque não nos cabe aqui discutir a fé das pessoas, segundo porque em nada agrega a discussão. Os pontos abaixo estão no contexto, de acordo com a realidade. Como radialista, sempre esbarramos com estas pessoas em nosso meio e claro, sabemos querendo ou não, as realidades de suas empresas. Igreja é uma associação, mas enquanto

provedora de conteúdo, para nós é uma empresa. Sua programação eu reconheço que é questionável intelectualmente, eu reconheço, mas é apenas reflexo de sua audiência. Eu pessoalmente não escuto emissoras religiosas, eu escuto rádio.

Inicialmente acredito que o Daniel Miranda deva assumir as funções do pai de forma integral, mas muita coisa vai rolar com os acordos comerciais vigentes, já que era o dono dos porcos que engordava os cofres. Na falta de David pai, acho que vai haver muita emissora querendo discutir valores e renovações de contratos e aí nos interessa saber quem fica, quem sai do ar. Simples assim. 73, (Denis Zogbi, ibid.)

Assunto: [radioescutas] Sucesso na IPDA

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Gente, Confesso que adorei o debate sobre este assunto. Está ocorrendo em altíssimo nível. Parabéns! Voltando ao assunto, sobre as concessões, sou um ferrenho defensor da abertura da radiodifusão para empresas e entidades estrangeiras. Seja na compra de emissoras de rádio e TV, como na participação nas licitações destes canais. Hoje o capital estrangeiro na radiodifusão, ou melhor na mídia em geral, é de no máximo 30%. Sou a favor que aumente para 100%.

Se um dia esse setor for aberto, a exemplo do que Collor fez na economia com os importados, muita coisa vai mudar. Muitas concessões que hoje estão nas mãos de políticos e dessas igrejas, logo iriam para as mãos de entidades estrangeiras que com certeza fariam um trabalho decente. A ABERT é contra essa medida, pois ao acabar com esta reserva de mercado, seus associados, muitos políticos e bandidos da fé, ficariam em situação crítica. Por este motivo defendo a abertura da radiodifusão para entidades estrangeiras, seja o capital ou não.

Alfredo, vou fazer como você me pediu sim e obrigado por me responder. E sobre o Radio, vamos continuar lutando para as coisas melhorarem. Eu também defenderia se pessoas que tivessem boas ideias culturais tivessem acesso a esses canais, mas como essas pessoas não tem força, elas perderiam. Já entidades estrangeiras, seja o capital ou ongs, tem mais força perante ao governo do que a própria população. Espero que isso um dia mude, mas enquanto não muda, sou obrigado a defender essa medida. Abs, (Leonardo Ivo, ibid.)

Denis e demais colegas. Pessoalmente o David Miranda não me agradava, se bem que eu o achava suas pregações bastante engraçadas e muitos de nós brincamos o imitando (risos). Eu e o amigo Wilson Rodrigues (um ateu convicto que o imitava muito bem) tínhamos até planejado fazer uma brincadeira onde o "David Miranda" imitador estaria fazendo uma oração pedindo a melhoria da propagação o fim das interferências elétricas entre outras coisas (risos).

Não me agrada também emitir opiniões sobre ideologias ou religiões por este canal mas, a pedido, vou pontuar algumas questões relativas a história, sem emitir Juízo de Valor.

Vamos lá:

A Igreja Católica possui diversas emissoras de rádio no Brasil e espalhadas por todo mundo todo, proselitismo religioso pelo rádio não é monopólio exclusivo de pastores protestantes ou líderes espiritualistas.

Alziro Zarur foi o pioneiro líder religioso não católico a usar o rádio para este tipo de pregação, só que ele era espiritualista, não um protestante ou evangélico. A "Legião da Boa Vontade" criada por ele permanece existindo e possui inúmeras emissoras de rádio e até um canal de TV na chamada "Rede Boa Nova de Comunicações". A "Religião de Deus" da Boa Nova, apesar de se autoproclamar "ecumênica" não congrega "evangélicos" especialmente os Pentecostais de "demonizam" kardecistas e outras religiões espiritualistas.

O grande inspirador do David Miranda foi um líder religioso pentecostal chamado "Missionário" Manoel de Mello (1929-1990) que desde finais dos anos 50 até 1990 alugava diversos horários em emissoras comerciais. Suas "Cruzadas Evangélicas" propagandeadas pelo rádio chegaram a reunir 200 mil pessoas. Ele foi o fundador da "Igreja Pentecostal do Brasil Para Cristo" que ainda existe, tem diversos templos espalhados pelo Brasil e seu templo maior fica no Bairro da Pompeia em São Paulo; aliás o antigo viaduto Pompeia leva o seu nome.

O Manoel de Mello foi mais "famoso" que o David Miranda, pregou em dezenas de outros países, mantinha relações de amizade com diversos líderes políticos que o procuravam, entre eles Juscelino Kubitschek, Foi recebido por diversas autoridades, como o Presidente americano Jimmy Carter. Durante a ditadura militar brasileira (1964-1985) foi preso 27 vezes por denúncias ao regime militar, e no tempo em que desbravou o interior brasileiro fortemente católico ainda viu seus tabernáculos e tendas serem queimados, até construir o templo sede na Vila Pompéia a que me referi.

A IPDA reconhece essa inspiração, tanto é verdade que vocês poderão encontrar no canal da IPDA no youtube gravações do Manoel de Mello. Com relação ao futuro da IPDA, acho que a tendência dela, assim como o acontecido com "O Brasil Para Cristo" do Manoel de Mello é de "encolher" seja por disputas internas seja pela perda de seu principal líder espiritual; com isso muito provavelmente, com o tempo, muitas emissoras "alugadas" pela Igreja devem fechar principalmente seus canais de OC

Coloco abaixo alguns links para aqueles que quiserem se informar sobre o tema.

Alziro Zarur
http://pt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alziro_Zarur

Manoel de Mello
http://pt.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manoel_de_Mello_e_Silva
http://www.obpcmandaqui.com.br/noticias.php?opt=D&artigo_id=435

Manoel de Mello em vídeo da IPDA
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WuydNuQLnqk>

73 a todos (Sérgio Partamian, Mairipora - SP Brasil, ibid.)

Prezados, Sinceramente não acredito que especialmente as emissoras locais de OC possam sobreviver sem o arrendamento de seus transmissores a IPDA. Não há tantos ouvintes nas OC que justifiquem os anunciantes para bancarem os altos custos de energia e manutenção dos transmissores, além de que nem todos tem interesse em chegar mais longe.

Somente Igrejas tem condições de bancar tal empreendimento em estações comerciais de pequeno ou médio porte. Quando da ocorrência da menor dificuldade econômica a primeira coisa que fazem é arrendar os transmissores de OC ou simplesmente desliga-los para cortar custos. Infelizmente é essa a realidade, o que tem dado uma sobrevida às OC, não justamente as Igrejas, gostemos ou não. 73a todos (Sérgio, ibid.)

Gente, Conheço Sr. David Miranda e sua igreja desde que me entendo por gente e de forma involuntária. Desde os 4 anos de idade eu era obrigado a ouvir na casa de uma amiga e vizinha que morava atrás da minha casa, pois a mãe dela era seguidora dessa igreja. Depois foi na explicadora onde estudava, isso foi em 1989, onde ouvia descrições de pessoas vomitando em função de supostas sessões de exorcismo. Quem ouvia David Miranda era a vizinha dessa explicadora.

Em 1994, eu era membro da Segunda Igreja Batista em Realengo, estava com 13 anos na época, e na rua onde era a minha igreja, coisa de 40m de distância, se instalou uma IPDA. Eles faziam um escândalo danado, um show de exorcismo pavoroso e fazia isso com som na última altura. Isso atrapalhava o culto da igreja do qual pertencia e o sossego dos vizinhos. A situação era tão crítica que um vizinho que morava de frente para essa IPDA, colocava som alto com samba e pagode a toda altura. Então ficava uma disputa de quem fazia mais barulho mais alto. Era um terror só. Felizmente a IPDA acabou perdendo e saiu daquela rua, dando sossego todos naquela rua.

A família dessa minha vizinha eram todos membros dessa igreja. Felizmente saíram e hoje levam uma vida melhor do que quando estavam lá. Essa é a minha experiência com essa rádio pavorosa, que por um tempo arrendou a Rádio Manchete AM760 e a Tamoio 900 e graças a Deus, largou as duas. Entretanto, eles acabaram comprando a antiga Capital 1030, que foi no passado a antiga Rádio Continental e os canais de OC da Globo, tanto os do Rio como os de Sampa. E isso. Abs, (Leonardo Ivo, ibid.)

David Miranda: da Rádio Universo † virtual Super Deus É Amor

Realmente a morte de alguém carece do nosso respeito e também a comunidade da Igreja Pentecostal Deus É Amor que o estimava e para os quais ele representava uma boa segurança. Nossas análises dependem sempre de que ponto estamos nos focando. Ele não foi unanimidade entre os evangélicos. Há uma dissertação de mestrado defendida na UNIMEP por um ex-pastor da Igreja dele e o relato, inclusive, sobre o papel da rádio na expansão da denominação. ... uma leitura agradável.

Fui um ouvinte assíduo da Rádio Universo de Curitiba, em ondas curtas de 9515 kHz, que possuía uma programação variada, com todo o tipo de especialidade religiosa. Para mim foi um grande incentivo para aprofundar conhecimentos, aprender a questionar ensinamentos, provocar para leitura. Escrevi muitas cartas para aqueles programas e li muitos dos materiais que me eram enviados pelo correio.

De um dia para outro, todos os programas foram sumindo. Um amigo meu que tinha programa na emissora me contou que a nova direção havia solicitado um valor exorbitante e de propósito. Era a Igreja Deus É

Amor comprando a Rádiorio Universo, de ondas médias 1210 khz e ondas curtas de 31, 25 e 49 metros, se não me engano. Dali em diante desapareceriam os programas com conteúdos filosófico-religiosos e passaria apenas a publicidade de pretensos milagres da Igreja, já em acirrada concorrência com outras e a pregação de um sistema doutrinário fechado, autoritário, medieval e legalista.

Deixei então, a saudosa Rádiorio Universo, cujo prefixo era feito por um locutor de marcante voz e que ainda se escuta na atual Super Rádiorio Deus É Amor.

David Miranda fez uma fortuna extraordinária às custas da Igreja Pentecostal Deus É Amor, que mais que uma denominação cristã, é uma das empresas religiosas da família Martins Miranda. Os chamados obreiros, homens e mulheres, voluntários, trabalham no serviço material da Igreja sem qualquer pagamento. Os pastores, naqueles anos, não eram registrados em carteira e não contavam tempo para aposentadoria nem tinham direitos trabalhistas, férias e tanto.

David Miranda entrou para a classe dos pastores ricos que, diferente de Cristo Jesus, não mais andava entre o povo, entre os pobres, nem receberia em sua suntuosa mansão em Mairiporã, sequer os membros da sua igreja, servida por seguranças armados.

David Miranda não deixa nenhum legado teológico nem no campo da comunicação. A Igreja Deus É Amor, fechada a tecnologia, nos últimos anos estampou nas redes sociais, as mesmas que ele chamara de "instrumentos de Satanás" fotos de Miranda e família sorrindo, ensinando e dialogando com os internautas, dentro dos devidos limites intelectuais e de exposição. Um apresentador comum que usou o rádio apenas para transmitir os cultos e assemelhados de sua denominação, na qual exerceu a função de Papa até o final da vida.

Empresa de família, ensinamentos baseados numa interpretação distorcida, equivocada, sem considerar a cultura dos autores bíblicos, a Igreja Pentecostal Deus É Amor poder entrar em nova fase de repressão doutrinária, mas isto é campo para os estudiosos do fenômeno religioso (Acir da Cruz Camargo, Ponta Grossa - PR, *ibid.*)

Os novos postulantes querem a universidade não para se doutorarem, no sentido pedante e ocioso da expressão, mas para adquirirem conhecimentos que os qualifiquem para o trabalho futuro, até, que ter, não de produzir. Nisto está o essencial do problema: os estudantes compreenderam a essência alienada da universidade brasileira, sua função desambientadora, sua quase nula atuação progressista, sua inadequação às tarefas exigidas pelo país, e a querem precisamente como instrumento para revogar e por termo a toda essa alienação. ... neste sentido que se estabelece no presente momento o problema da

reforma da universidade: trata-se de transforma-la n,,o na superfície, n,,o na superestrutura pedagógica, no cerimonial didático, nas qualificações jurídicas, no enriquecimento de recursos financeiros, no aprimoramento das instalações materiais levadas às vezes a suntuosidade, pois tudo isto, agora se compreende, por mais 'til que seja É secundário. Trata-se de transforma-la na essência, isto É, de faze-la deixar de ser um centro distribuidor de alienação cultural do país, para convertí-la no mais eficaz instrumento de criação de nova consciência estudantil, direta e exclusivamente interessada em modificar a estrutura social antiga e injusta, substituindo-a por outra humana e livre. (Ilvaro Vieira Pinto, médico, cancerologista e professor de Filosofia da UB, ibid.)

** BRAZIL. [UNIDENTIFIED], 15190.077, In background of 15190.0, Radio Pilipinas Tinang-PHL heard another odd-frequency broadcast station underneath. Is that the Brazilian station Radio Inconfidência? Belo Horizonte MG, poor signal S=5-6 in southern Germany at 1835 UT on Feb 20 (Wolfgang B. Schel, Germany, Feb 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CAMBODIA [non]. Changes of clandestine broadcasts:
Frequency change of CMN Cambodia Media Network Radio:
2300-2330 NF 7510 DB 200 kW / 125 deg SEAs Khmer Sun/Tue/Thu, ex 9945
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Bulgaria, Feb 20, dxldyg via DXLD)

** CANADA. Further Changes At CBC
Perhaps these items would be of interest to you:
<http://www.broadcastermagazine.com/news/formation-of-cbc-radio-canada-media-solutions-announced/1003483251/?er=NA>

[and] In its heyday, the CBC headquarters on Front St. held about 5,000 staff. Now, it holds just half that.
By: Robin Levinson King Staff Reporter, Published on Fri Feb 20 2015

A shrinking CBC is looking to sell its outsized downtown flagship headquarters in order to cut costs. But it is not totally jumping ship as the public broadcaster hopes to stay on as a tenant.

Fred Mattocks, general manager for media operations and technology at CBC English services, said the building has outgrown the broadcaster, whose staff and budget have shrivelled considerably over the years.

In its heyday, the building held about 5,000 staff, Mattocks said. Now, it holds just half that. . .
<http://www.thestar.com/news/gta/2015/02/20/cbc-looks-to-sell-downtown-toronto-hq.html>

Also, I've noticed that some programs, such as "Ideas" and "Quirks and Quarks" have been added "encore" presentations to their podcast

schedules. In other words, they are re-running old material. 73s
(Bernhard Jatzeck, VA6BMJ, Feb 24, WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

** CANADA [and non]. 800, Feb 21 at 0139 UT, with KQCV OKC mostly
nulled, station in English with Leamington ad, i.e. CKLW in nearby
Windsor, Ont., soon IDing as ``AM 800, CKLW, Bell Media``, temp as -12
C expecting to ascend to -8 (tomorrow's hi?). Then news of a missing
man. Now, nothing from usual occupant of KQCV null, XEROK with 3x(?)
the power and almost twice as close, as sometimes happens; are they
off or QRP or what? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHILE. 6925-AM, 19/2 0150 UT. M'sica del recuerdo de los años 50 y
60's, en inglés y español e IDs de la emisora. ID de despedida a las
0242, salida de portadora al aire a las 0244. S9+40 con algo de ruido
ambiental. RX: Realistic DX-160. ANT: Hilo de 40 metros + 20 metros de
antena de tierra. QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Región, Chile. -- Atte,
(Claudio Galaz. Condiglista yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DXLD) But what
was the ID? I suppose it was the pirate RCW usually on 7550 (gh, DXLD)

6925-AM, RCW, 20/2 0020 UT. Noticias de RFI de Europa y América
Latina, se0al S9+20 con ruido ambiental notable y mejora a las 0153
con S9+40 y baja de ruido. ID las 0202 y comentario político de Tomás
Mosciatti desde Radio Biobio, Chile con S9+30 hasta las 0212, cuando
se emite a Dr File. S9+40. Salida del aire a las 0225.

6925, RCW, 20/2 0905 UT. Comentarios de Ruperto Concha desde Radio
Biobio. S4 a S6. Audio muy bajo (Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160;
ANT: Hilo de 40 metros + 20 metros de antena de tierra; QTH: Barraza
Bajo, IV Región, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

7550, RCW, 21/2 0030-0300 UT. Retransmisión Laser Hot Hits, noticias
de RFI y M'sica en español e inglés. SINPO: 45444.

Información de la emisora: Horarios y frecuencias definitivas: Jueves,
Viernes y Sábado: 7550, 2245-0500 UT. Excepcionalmente: 0515-1000 UT
en 6925 kHz (Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160; ANT: Beverage [sic],
40 metros; QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Región, Chile, condiglista yg via
WORLD OF RADIO 1762, via DXLD)

7550, RCW, 22/2 03-04 UT. M'sica en español con comentarios - en vivo
- de Cucho Zavala y los controles de José Novero. SINPO: 55454
(Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160, ANT: Beverage, 40 metros, QTH:
Barraza Bajo, IV Región, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** CHINA [and non]. 5010.00, 2355-2400* 17.2, Voice of China jamming
Taiwan (not heard), Chinese talk // 4800, time pips at 2400 and off.
On 19.2 this was delayed (due to the Chinese New Year?) till 0002*

with some Chinese chat after the timepips at 2400. 45243. Best 73,
(Anker Petersen, Denmark, WB radio yg via DXLD)

9495, Feb 19 at 1504, very heavy CCCCCCI from more than one CNR1
jammer an echo apart, along with target RFA Chinese via SAIPAN during
this hour only, and just the same situation on 9440. CNR1 jammer has
less QRM on 9680 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

China mainland jamming organization observed with two different sounds
around 1445 UT:

12045 kHz FIREDRAKE music against VoA Mandarin Chinese program. And
also different BROADBAND sound like against SOH Taiwan programs,
WHITE NOISE SCRATCHING type, like usual against SOH, VoA, RFA, BBC,
AIR noted on

9151-9159,

9196-9204,

9276-9284 kHz.

[selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz]

(wb, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Febr 20)

OMAN/CHINA, 5970, Terrible WHITE NOISE digital jamming from China
mainland against BBCWS program from Al Seela in Oman noted at 0003 UT
Feb 21, S=8 or -82dBm, jamming broadband at 5966 to 5974 kHz frequency
range. Heard on Colombo Sri Lanka remote SDR unit at Victor's place in
Piliyandala. [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] vy73
de (Wolfgang DF5SX Bueschel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 9350, Firedragon station, 2/21, 1130. No //s heard, and no
OOB CNR1 stations heard this session (Rick Barton, El Mirage AZ, Drake
R8 & outdoor Slinky, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11720, Feb 21 at 1459, Firedragon jammusic mixing with algo, poor and
continues past 1500 hourtop. Vs. IBB Tibetan via Kuwait this 15-16
hour only. Much weaker than VOK IS on 11710 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX
LISTENING DIEST)

9350, Firedragon, 2/22, 1130. Crash-boom-bang, Good. No //s heard, but
did find OOB CNR 1 on 9320, 9155, both VG.

11100, 2/23, 1030. M and W in Chinese with noted fair/good //s on
10960, 9200, 9280, and (excellent!) on 6970.

7405, Firedragon, 2/23, 1040. No other stations heard on bandsweep
with crashing-booming music.

9155, CNR 1, 2/23, 1137. W in Chinese with //s found on 9280, 9230,
9200, 12500.

7470, Firedragon, 2/23, 1137. Good with good crash and boom // on 9350.

7345, CNR1, 2/23, 1620, F vocal music // with 7365, 7385, 6145, 6125n, and numerous others, Hanging in relatively late in the morning

7415, Firedragon music station, 2/23, 1640. What else? Crash! Boom! Bang! Loud and Strong (Rick Barton, (far north) Peoria AZ, listening from my tent by the lake, Grundig Satellit 750, 20' wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

11640 & 11655, Feb 25 at 1340, CNR1 jammers have some class! Playing ``Blue Danube Waltz``, applause and 1342 on to `Radetzky March`. Sounds just like the New Year Concert from Vienna encores. Last part of the latter is talked over in Chinese in typical disrespect. Both with flutter, 11640 clearer vs RTI, while 11655 has CCI from victim VOA Chinese (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 11600, Two CRI streams ñ Urumqi & Kunming (Presumed), 1406, 2/22/15, in Mandarin (on top) and Bengali (under). CRI in Mandarin with OM on top. CRI in Bengali with YL and music under. Why would you have two broadcasts from the same station on the same frequency at the same time? (Mark Taylor, Madison, Wisconsin, Perseus, WinRadio g313e, Eton e1, Grundig Satellit 800 & G3, Sangean 909X with clear mod, Tecsun PL 660; 40 meters dipole, RF Systems Mk 2, Flextenna, NASWA Flashsheet Feb 22 via DXLD)

Because you can? Because as the #1 SW broadcaster, there just aren't enough different China frequencies? Because the target areas are diverse and theoretically would not QRM each other? But, in current Aoki I don't see any CRI listed on 11600 --- just Sound of Hope at this hour which might require CNR1 jamming; CRI seems never intentionally used for jamming, bad PR?

O, your description matches instead 11610 in HFCC B-14:
Chinese from Urumqi, 500 kW, 270 degrees to CIRAF 39S, 40N
Bengali from Kunming, 150 kW, 270 degrees to CIRAF 41NE
(Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 12055, Feb 24 at 0100, heard one(?) pip considerably past 0100:00, very poor with flutter, talk. Aoki shows the CNR17 service in Kazakh is here at 2355-1200, 100 kW, 298 degrees from Lingshi 725 site since January 1. Before 0100 it would have had competition from FEBA per Aoki, FEBC per WRTH, in Wa via Bocaue, Philippines (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. Changes of clandestine broadcasts:

Praise Music Ministries, ex UNIDentified

2100-2130 on 7530 TSH 100 kW / 250 deg to EaAs Chinese/Hakka

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Feb 20, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DXLD)

** CUBA. Cuban Spy Number HM01, new start/end of transmissions, e.g.:

xx53-xx18 broadcasts 25 minutes; xx18-xx27 open carrier/dead air;

xx28-xx48 broadcasts 20 minutes; xx48-xx54 change of frequencies.

0453-0548 5855 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Sun/Mon/Wed/Fri

0453-0548 12120 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Sun/Mon/Wed/Fri

0453-0548 11462 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Tue/Thu/Sat

0453-0548 14375 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Tue/Thu/Sat

0553-0648 10345 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Sun/Mon/Wed/Fri

0553-0648 9330 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Tue/Thu/Sat

0653-0748 9330 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Sun/Mon/Wed/Fri

0653-0748 10345 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Tue/Thu/Sat

0753-0848 9065 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Sun/Mon/Wed/Fri

0753-0848 11435 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Tue/Thu/Sat

0853-0948 9240 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Sun/Mon/Wed/Fri

0853-0948 11462 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Tue/Thu/Sat

0853-0948 12120 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Tue/Thu/Sat

0953-1048 5855 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Sun/Mon/Wed/Fri

0953-1048 9155 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Sun/Mon/Wed/Fri

0953-1048 11635 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Tue/Thu/Sat, co-ch CRI En

0953-1048 12180 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Tue/Thu/Sat

1553-1648 11435 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Daily

1653-1748 11530 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Daily

1753-1848 11635 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Daily

2053-2148 11635 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Sun/Mon/Wed/Fri

2053-2148 16180 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Tue/Thu/Sat

2153-2248 10715 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Sun/Mon/Wed/Fri

2153-2248 17480 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Tue/Thu/Sat

2253-2348 11530 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Sun/Mon/Wed/Fri

2253-2348 17540 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Tue/Thu/Sat

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/radio-habana-cuba-and-spy-number.html>

73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISening DIGEST)

Cuban Spy Number HM01 with new start/end of transmissions, e.g.:
xx54-xx18 broadcasts 24 minutes; xx18-xx28 open carrier/dead air;
xx28-xx48 broadcasts 20 minutes; xx48-xx54 change of frequencies.
plus video from today 0528 UT on 5855 kHz
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/radio-habana-cuba-and-spy-number.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Feb 20, dxldyg via DXLD)

More videos of Cuban Spy Number HM01 on Feb 21:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/radio-habana-cuba-and-spy-number.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, ibid.)

Again wrong frequency of Cuban Spy Number HM01 on Feb 23:
0654-0748 9330 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Spanish Sun/Mon/Wed/Fri
0748-0754 9330 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba open carrier / dead air
0754-0804 9330 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Spaniah, instead of 9065
from 0804 9065 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Spanish Sun/Mon/Wed/Fri
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/wrong-frequency-of-cuban-spy-number.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, ibid.)

Frequency changes of Cuban Spy Number HM01 in 0554-0748 UT slot:
0554-0648 NF ?????? secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Tue/Thu/Sat, ex 9330*
0554-0648 on 10345 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Su/Mo/We/Fr as sched
0654-0748 NF 13435 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Tue/Thu/Sat, ex 10345
0654-0748 on 9330 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Su/Mo/We/Fr as sched
* also no signal on 10345 or 14375, listed in Nagoya shortwave
frequency list.
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/frequency-changes-of-cuban-spy-number.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Feb 25, ibid.)

Frequency changes of Cuban Spy Number HM01:
0554-0648 NF 14375 secret/hidden tx Bauta?-Cuba Tue/Thu/Sat, ex 9330
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/frequency-changes-of-cuban-spy-number.html>
(Ivo, Feb 26, ibid.)

** CUBA. 4765, Feb 20 at 0341, R. Progreso good signal and modulation
level but distorted (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA. Unscheduled broadcasts of Radio Habana Cuba after 0600 Feb 18
from 0602 9535 HAB 100 kW / 340 deg NCAM English, scheduled Sp-0600
from 0604 11840 HAB 100 kW / 230 deg SoAm Spanish, scheduled Sp-0600
73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DX LISENING DIGEST)

15230 & 9820, Feb 19 at 1527 are the only two RHC frequencies heard,
absent from 17730, 15370, 11760 which are all supposed to be on until
1600. Altho I forgot to check 9640. 15700 CRI relay is not missing.

11845, Feb 22 at 1428, Cuban pulse jamming is audible here as the frequency is otherwise unoccupied --- despite R. Martí having abandoned it a few years ago. Way to go, DentroCuban Jamming Command! (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15370, RHC, 22/2 2244 UT. Servicio en esperanto. Una locutora habla sobre la historia de Cuba y las relaciones con Estados Unidos. Luego una canción que dura 5 minutos aproximadamente. Y a las 2250 cambia la propagación de SINPO: 55544 con zumbido de fondo a SINPO: 35433: <https://soundcloud.com/claudio-radioham-dx/15370-rhc-esperanto-22-02-2250> (Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160, ANT: Beverage, 40 metros, QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Región, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** CUBA [non]. RADIO Y TV MARTÍ PODRÁN SER GESTIONADAS POR UNA ENTIDAD PRIVADA

La norteamericana Junta de Gobernadores de Radiodifusión (BBG, por sus siglas en inglés) ha propuesto a Washington la "desfederalización" de Radio y TV Martí, para que las emisoras sean gestionadas por un nuevo organismo privado.

La medida también afectaría a la Voz de América, que presta servicios para América Latina.

Según el blog Along the Malecon, la BBG canalizaría los presupuestos para la nueva organización sin fines de lucro, pero "no ser considerada como una agencia federal".

La medida, que debería entrar en vigor en dos años, tiene que ser aprobada antes por el Congreso de Estados Unidos.

La eliminación de las transmisiones de Radio y TV Martí es una de las condiciones que exige el régimen de La Habana para el "pleno restablecimiento" de las relaciones con EEUU.-Diario de Cuba- (via GRA blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DXLD) See also USA: BBG WATCH

US-BACKED CUBA BROADCASTER GETS SATELLITE RADIO OUTLET | Text of press release issued by US Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) on 24 Feb

Miami, FL: Two popular Radio Martí programmes will now be available on SiriusXM Satellite Radio, thanks to an agreement between the Office of Cuba Broadcasting and National Latino Broadcasting. The arrangement provides another way for audiences in Cuba to receive balanced and unbiased news.

"We're thrilled to have this new avenue for reaching Cuba," said director of OCB Carlos García-Pérez. "Information there remains tightly controlled by the government, and this agreement makes it

possible for more Cubans to get access to the uncensored news they need."

Martí programmes to air on SiriusXM Satellite Radio include Entre Nosotros (Between Us), hosted by Cuban author and poet Orlando Gonzalez Esteva, features a variety of topics to educate and entertain, mixing the serious with the amusing, reality and fantasy, Cuban history with folklore, peaking [sic] the imagination and curiosity of listeners. Entre Nosotros will air from 9.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

The second offering is the fast-paced show 1800 Online, hosted by Lizandra Díaz Blanco and Juan Juan Almeida, that features irreverent interviews with bloggers, artists, entrepreneurs, technology aficionados, sports and entertainment celebrities, all the while connecting Cubans living on and off the island. Back-to-back episodes of 1800 Online will air from 10.00 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.

The Radio Martí programming will air on channel 153 on SiriusXM Satellite Radio, Monday thru Friday 9 p.m.-11 p.m. time slot (EST [soon to be EDT?]). Channel 153 is operated by National Latino Broadcasting LLC (NLB). Source: Broadcasting Board of Governors, Washington D.C., in English 24 Feb 15 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** ECUADOR. 6050, Feb 20 at 0337, slow English talking about Ravi Shankar, some modulation distortion. So HCJB is still running the 'Spotlight' quarter-hour in specialish English amongst all the Spanish and Kichwa (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 9965, Radio Cairo; 2258-2303+, 13-Feb; at 2258 found an S9 carrier on 9966.0; 2300:17 on with pips and Radio Cairo English ID, into brief music, then sked & program notes for the English service, into more music. At 2302, noticed they'd dropped to 9965 (Is someone actually paying attention?!), SIO=433, no distortion but some hum--presume transmitter [caused] (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

12035, Feb 21 at 0117, R. Cairo, fair with flutter, dead air in ``Spanish`` service; didn't get around to checking the other frequencies tonight (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)
See also UNIDENTIFIED 9600, 9550

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA [non]. 15190, Feb 19 at 2228, R. Africa Network via WRMI is supposedly religious, but filling some airtime with public-domain secular stuff: `(X-1)` oldtime radio show, outro dramatization of ``Nightfall`` by Isaac Asimov! who of course was an

Atheist --- way to go!! NBC chimes and 2232 into gospel music, whew.
I've never found anything like a program schedule via
<http://www.radiopanam.com> and still don't (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF
RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. Starting February 20, 2015, a new radio station
will start broadcasting on shortwave, Risala International.

Risala International will broadcast on Fridays from 1830-1900 UT on
15165 kHz in the 19 meter band. For more information, visit Risala
International | Just another WordPress site
<http://risalainternational.org/>
(BRB via gh, DXLD)

They are having an Islamic conference of some sort in Minneapolis on
Feb 20-21. Main language on the homepage in Roman letters looks
Somali, and Google translate agrees, but fails to translate except for
a few words here and there! Could be the spelling is non-standard?
Header also in another language, Amharic? Their videos of
demonstrations in Minnesota are labeled Oromo. So the homepage text is
probably in Oromo, which is why Google can't translate it, not one of
their languages, but related to Somali. Google translates Risala (or
Risalah) from Arabic as ``Message``.

Site? Nothing at all in B-14 HFCC on 15165, nor in Aoki.

A station of this name existed long ago, possibly unrelated:

``In 1994, Islamic station Radio Al-Risalah commenced from Moscow,
hiring airtime from Radio Moscow and the Bolshakovo, Kaliningrad
station``

That was from a long article:
<<http://www.radiodx.com/articles/station-profiles/europe/russian-independent-sw-stations-1991-96/>>
via RUSdx Aug 31, 2014 also via BC-DX

I posted the above to the DXLD yg at 1608 UT Feb 20, plus follow-ups.
Then I monitor it myself:

15165, Feb 20 at *1828:50 carrier on, very poor, still open past 1830
until Horn-of-Africa music starts at 1830:13, later some talk audible,
but far too weak to follow any further; confirmed at least that it has
really started up. Weak signals at poor level are better: 15140 Oman,
15190 Philippines (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

According to Ludo Maes` Alyx & Yey

<http://www.airtime.org/shortwave/schedule.php>

languages are Amharic/Oromo

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

Rather good signal here in Finland at 1830 on 15165. Segalee Radio Risala, so at least partly Oromo language programming (Jari Savolainen, Finland, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DXLD)

Fairly good signal in NJ as well. Typical ID was like Sagalee Radio Risala, which literally means Risala Radio Voice? (Sakae Obara, Fort Lee, NJ, 1905 UT Feb 20, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

CLANDESTINE, Poor signal of Risala International transmission Feb 20: 1830-1900 on 15165 secret / hidden site to EaAf Oromo Fri only, 3 videos

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/poor-signal-of-risala-international.html>

Compared that signal against other Issoudun at same time, powerful signal Voice of Gospel, Sawtu Linjilia in Fulfule to WCAf 1833 on 9800 Issoudun:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7DEK1iZPNcw&feature=youtu.be>

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DXLD)

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Risala International in Oromo to EaAf, first day on air 1830 on 15165 secret, hidden tx

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-JDY_jf-iy4&feature=youtu.be

Risala International in Oromo to EaAf, first day on air 1839 on 15165 secret, hidden tx

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-qJp84EKTQ&feature=youtu.be>

Risala International in Oromo to EaAf, first day on air 1850 on 15165 secret, hidden tx

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vng0uZ_H8qA&feature=youtu.be

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Risala International: laut der Webseite

<http://www.risalainternational.org/>

stellt sich das als eine Oromo / muslimischer Ogaden Clan Organisation nahestehende anti-fthiopien Organisation dar.

Ogaden - die Somalier in Ost-fthiopien --- Ludo mietet meist bei SpaceLine Kostinbrod Bulgarien, Gavar Armenien, oder bei TDF Issoudun an (Wolfgang B,schel, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DXLD)

re Oromo / muslim Ogaden Clan Organization, against Government of

Ethiopia, / to Ogaden state of Ogaden-Somalis in eastern Ethiopia province.

FRANCE [tentatively], 15165, Radio Risala International program started at exact 1830:17 UT - Fridays only -, played HoA Horn of Africa music, S=9+10dB or -64dBm signal here in southern Germany.

Compared that signal against other TDF Issoudun bcasts at same time in same meterband, and - I guess - heard the same audio characteristics on all that

15165 kHz

15299.874 kHz (seldom odd frequency outlet of TDF Issoudun!) S=9+10dB, 15560 kHz Issoudun DWL Hausa service, also at 1830-1900 UT on Febr 20 slot. vy73 de (Wolfgang DF5SX Bueschel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15165, Feb 20, Noted a open carrier at 1827, then opening orchestra melody of ingenious music to 1831, then a male speaker with open announcements but the audio was so weak it was barely audible at best. The signal was quite strong (Issoudun???) but the audio link just wasn't there. Nothing much noted after 1842.

On additional note, on a QSL response:

EUR. R.F.S.R. (RUSSIA), 6015, Radio Al-Risalah (the Message) via Kaliningrad (Bolshakovo) on December 21st 1994, from *1500 to 1525 UT. Power 2 x 80 kW. Nice Full Data (with site & name of program) QSL reply from the State Enterprise of Broadcasting and Radio Communications No. 2 (GPR-2), St. Petersburg; The V/S was Mikhail Timofeyev (Edward Kusalik, Daysland, Alberta, Canada, Feb 20, WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST) But the Risalah of 20 years ago may be unrelated (gh)

15165, Risala International via Issoudun per Aoki list. Friday, Feb 20, first Friday-only broadcast. In Oromo, which was mentioned many times. Good signal at my location, just east of the centers of the U.S. & North America, which is common for broadcasts from France or Germany to the Horn-of-Africa. On at 1830:15 UT with brief H-of-A singing, then several IDs. Mostly talk with occasional H-of-A music. Transmitter off in mid-song at 1858 UT (Wendel Craighead-KS-USA, DXplorer Feb 21 via Wolfgang DF5SX Bueschel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

BRB Broadcast Belgium schedule see
Risala International 1830-1900 15165 -f Amharic/Oromo Africa
<<http://www.airtime.org/shortwave/schedule.php>>

Probably in Amharic language, despite the website calls more Oromo/Sudanese language used widely in eastern Ogaden province in Ethiopia. some findings:

<<https://www.facebook.com/RaadiyooRisaalaa>>

see also Boonaa Mohammed name on:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Boonaa_Mohammed>

<<http://zenoradio.com/en/listeners/US/Risala+Radio/>>

Google shows "Zenoradio Risala" request

Links and Apps like

<<http://www.androidpit.com/app/org.zenoradio.risalaradio>>

"Risala radio works on Educational, health, cultural, financial and family programs. This is an online based radio that focus on East African community."

Private station Radio Risala in Mogadishu Somalia is a separate station

<<http://www.mbali.info/newsfile13.htm>>

vy73 de (Wolfgang DF5SX Bueschel, Feb 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. February 16: Oromo Voice Radio in Oromo to EaAf 1602 on 17850 Issoudun + white noise broadband DRM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YWIYdXUETWA&feature=youtu.be>

Oromo Voice Radio in English to EaAf 1616 on 17850 Issoudun + white noise broadband DRM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q4fZ0Gj31q0&feature=youtu.be>

Oromo Voice Radio in English to EaAf 1620 on 17850 Issoudun + white noise broadband DRM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ah051z4x1SQ&feature=youtu.be>

Oromo Voice Radio in English to EaAf 1626 on 17850 Issoudun + white noise broadband DRM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q967vJuEho8&feature=youtu.be>

February 21: Oromo Voice Radio in Oromo to EaAf 1613 on 17850 Issoudun plus white noise broadband DRM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o9zkre0bnuI&feature=youtu.be>

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radiyo Sagalee Oromoo, Oromo Voice Radio with English broadcast:

1600-1616 on 17850 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Oromo Mon

1616-1630 on 17850 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg to EaAf English Mon

1600-1630 on 17850 ISS 250 kW / 130 deg to EaAf Oromo Wed/Sat

Transmissions are jammed by Ethiopia with white noise broadband DRM

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/oromo-voice-radio-with-english-broadcast.html>

(DX RE MIX NEWS #897 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Feb. 23, 2015 via DXLD)

** ETHIOPIA [non]. February 21: IRRS relay Radio Warra Wangeelaa ti in Oromo to EaAf 1502 on 15515 Tiganeshti
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8RvllpmceJo&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. Dear Listeners, This message is on behalf of the Radio Geronimo team. Next Sunday February 22nd Radio Geronimo will be broadcasting on 9335 kHz and in parallel on either 7490 or (most likely) 7500 kHz. Geronimo will be on air between 09- 13 UTC --> 10-14 CET. Please remember Geronimo uses the Eisenach based Box 101145 in Germany. Email address is Geronimoshortwave@hotmail.com.
73s Chris RGSW (FRSH via ARDXC via DXLD)

Radio Geronimo Shortwave is coming in strong this morning (since tune-in at 0945 UT) on nominal 9335 kHz (nearer 9334.2) - also faintly heard in parallel on 7490. Dave Simpson on currently with some great oldies (Billy Joel just a moment ago and now there is Frankie goes to Hollywood). (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, Sunday Feb 22, dxldyg via DXLD)

February 22:
Radio Geronimo via FRSB 1200 on 9334.2
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yQTP6hNDQP0&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Geronimo via FRSB 1228 on 9334.2
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4fGmJL98E1I&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Geronimo via FRSB 1450 on 9334.2
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M0fIJYj-pn4&feature=youtu.be>

Radio Geronimo via FRSB 1457 on 9334.2
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8l055q_ZmU&feature=youtu.be
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. SPACESHUTTLE WITH HIGHER POWER ON 9600

Dear listeners, We have plan try to reach more listeners with special quite high powered and directed transmission on 9600 kHz, 31mb next Sunday 1st of March 2015 1800-1900 UT.

Our target is to reach areas of entire Europe, Mediterranean Sea area, Near-East, (Asia) and North-Africa. In any case it will be needed very good receivers and proper antennas for our listeners to get our signal. I wish everything will go right with these plans and our strange music will reach bigger areas and much bigger audience?? Let's see what's happens...

Please send ideas of programs and music you like to hear from Spaceshuttle. We would like to fulfill your requests in special musical shows in future. I wish you will have fun with our programmes also in future! Please tell you thoughts to us by e-mail: spaceshuttleradio@yhao.com

Your letters/reception reports are very welcome to our address in Herten:
Radio Spaceshuttle International
P.O.Box 2702
NL: 6049 ZG Herten
The Netherlands

A little fee (2 euros) for return postage (for full info printed QSLs) is needed! Quick response and communication is possible By e-mail: spaceshuttleradio@yahoo.com
Best Regards!, (Dick Spacewalker of Radio Spaceshuttle
<http://spaceshuttleradio.freesevers.com>
Feb 26, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So will be hiring time via major SW site?? Aha, HFCC shows this hour is registered by SOFia for DRM, 100 kW at 30 degrees, presumably just a placeholder until March 1 (gh, DXLD)

** EUROPE. Pirate: Cupid Radio: 21460/AM, 1724-1734+, 15-Feb; M in English with chatter between and over pop/rock; ID before BoH. Fair peaks (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** FALKLAND ISLANDS [and non]. [history] Ouvi em 530 kHz a emissora das Ilhas Falkland aqui mesmo em S, o Bernardo. Percebi na ocasi, o que a R, dio La voz de Las Madres (Argentina, 530 kHz) estava com sinal muito fraco, e a esta, o religiosa de Turks & Caicos (Am, rica Central), desta nem sinal. Depois de meia hora, surgiu nos 530 kHz uma portadora (confirmada em SSB), e mais alguns minutos (‡ meia-noite, nosso hor, rio) ouvi claramente em ingl, s a identifica, o da FIRS (Falklands Islands Radio System) e a identifica, o do boletim de not, cias BBC World Service. Foi quase um del, rio, enviei o informe de recep, o ‡ esta, o, que depois de pouco tempo me confirmou a escuta com o cart, o QSL da mesma (Rudolf Grimm, Brasil, Feb 25, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** FRANCE. 7390, Feb 19 at 0639, RFI French under stronger carrier causing fast SAH; recheck 0656, RFI still on but the other carrier is already off (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GEORGIA. [Re 15-07:] Dusheti - Bazaleti Video
Photos from this 2007 exploration are also here, plus current ones
which tell what satellite images do not tell: The former transmission
facility has become a children's holiday camp.
<http://www.radioscanner.ru/forum/topic47375.html>

However, the accompanying text is an example for what in German is
known as *gef%hrliches Halbwissen*. The "15 shtuk 500 kv
radioperedachikov" could be right after deleting one naught: 15 Sneg
transmitters would be plausible, for operation also in pairs and
double-pairs, of course.

And for mediumwave the available data is insufficient even for mere
speculations about equipment and site usage (Kai Ludwig, Feb 22,
shortwavesites yg via DXLD

** GERMANY. AMATEUR RADIO BASED GROUP RESCUES RELEASED BROADCAST
FREQUENCY --- Southgate February 22, 2015

When the 'Deutsche Welle' decided to close down one of their 500 KW
short wave broadcast transmitters near Munich at the end of 2012, a
group containing some German radio amateurs applied for and were
allocated the then available short wave frequency of 6070 KHz in 2013.

This group now have an operational 10KW station on the frequency,
using the driver stages from the old Deutsche Welle transmitter. The
rest of the transmitter was built by and is run by Rainer DB8QC . The
licence allow transmission 24/7 but at present most transmissions are
on a weekend during daylight hours.

Content is mainly provided by existing Internet Radio stations wanting
to get their material "on-the-air" this includes several soceities
that remember the days of the Pirate Radio pop music stations in the
North sea between England and Holland and a lot of their music content
is from the 60's and 70's.

Additional content is being sought and at only 15 Euros an hour, this
is not a corporate big business rather a facility where smaller groups
can afford to buy time to transmit their content. One such group is
the Deutsche Amateur Radio Club, the National Amateur Radio Soceity in
Germany, who hope to have a weekly 2 hour slot on the station from
mid-March to send a DX orientated program, probably from 6pm local
time on Sundays.

The DARC DX magazine will be in the German language and targeted
towards German speaking listeners. Amateur radio is an international
medium however so there are thoughts of also producing an
international / English hour in addition, to reach out across Europe

not only to radio amateurs but also to short wave listeners and the general public.

When I talked with another Rainer DF2NU who is one of the group running the station and the president of the Munich South section of the DARC, he told me that they hope to be able to broadcast more often once sufficient content is available however they are already seeing other broadcasters such as Radio China moving onto the frequency in the evenings as those stations perceive 6070 KHz as a free frequency.

Rainer told me that currently "Channel 292" has airtime bookings for 20-25 hrs a week, mostly on weekends at which times it runs at 10 kW output. When the station is idle (as there is no booking), the transmitter power is reduced to 1kW and transmits an infinite music-loop with no actual program. Late evenings, after 8pm local, the transmitter is switched off completely in order to save energy costs. Rainer stressed that the license is for 24/7 so they can use the frequency at any time when they have content.

With a current rate of EUR 15,-- per hour airtime you cannot earn any money. This broadcast station is an extension of the amateur radio hobby and the group seek to simply cover their costs.

Thinking back to the very start of amateur radio, Hams were allowed to transmit music, news and entertainment programs, so it's nice to see some of this coming back onto the short wave bands thanks to the efforts of groups like this one.

I wonder as we see more and more broadcasters leaving the short wave bands in favour of Internet broadcasting, whether we'll see more licences and surplus transmitters being picked up by amateur radio groups? This seems to be somewhat of a repeat of the situation when it was said 200 metres and up is useless for broadcasting - give it to the amateurs. We all know what then followed.

Perhaps amateur Radio groups around the world can put new life into released shortwave broadcast frequencies?

For program information about "Channel 292" simply go to their website at <http://www.channel292.de/>

Why not give 6070 kHz AM a listen? The Channel292 station covers a lot of Western Europe but has also been heard in Russia and the US

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/2015/february/amateur_radio_based_group_rescues_released_broadcast_frequency.htm#.V0s10I02bDc
(with aircheck and illustrations) (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

This is well and good but such a model falls into the domestic-orientated trap that a SWBC station must be assigned to one specific frequency, rather than have the flexibility to move around avoiding collisions. ``Rescuing`` is hardly the proper terminology.

As we know (but they do not?) CFRX Toronto is also 24h on 6070, and during darkness could QRM each other. Vatican Radio is yet to catch on that they should go back to 6075. Japan and Iran are also registered on 6070 at certain hours. What's a mere 10 kW to them? (But registered as 25 kW -- at least it's in HFCC unlike so many other small SW stations). 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Channel 292 relays on February 21/22, all 10 kW / non-dir to CeEu:

0700-1100 on 6070 ROB Sat Feb 21 Radio Mi Amigo Int
1100-1200 on 6070 ROB Sat Feb 21 KIM FM Nijmweg.
1200-1300 on 6070 ROB Sat Feb 21 Power Radio Nijmweg
1300-1400 on 6070 ROB Sat Feb 21 Deltracks Radio, NEW
1400-1700 on 6070 ROB Sat Feb 21 Zen FM, NEW

1000-1300 on 6070 ROB Sun Feb 22 Bluestar Radio

1300-1400 on 6070 ROB Sun Feb 22 8Radio Ireland, NEW

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/channel-292-relays-on-february-2122.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

Channel 292 relays from February 28 to March 7:

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/channel-292-relays-from-february-28-to.html>

-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

** GERMANY. The annual special broadcast of Radio ÷^mrang is presumably imminent at 1600-1659 UT Sat Feb 21 on 15215 via Nauen (or Issoudun?). AFAIK there has been no specific confirmation of this year's broadcast, but since 2009y at least, it has always been on this date at this time, and 15215 has been the frequency the past few years. If you don't hear it there, try elsewhere on the 19m band. HFCC has a registration, probably wooden, for 500 kW 315 degree Arabic at 1630-1700 from UAE on 15215. While it's mostly in Frisian (the point of the event), there have been brief bits in English, and also in high German.

For a compilation of last year's reports about it see under GERMANY:

<http://www.w4uvh.net/dxld1409.txt>

<http://www.w4uvh.net/dxld1410.txt>

Also February issues of previous years.

This also has something to do with an annual event on Amrum island, involving fire. Search on Amrum for further info, alternate spelling of the double-umlaut name (Glenn Hauser, OK, 1535 UT Feb 21, dxldyg

via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

So among many others I am standing by on 15215 from 1559 Feb 21: with BFO I can detect a very weak carrier on at *1559:20, and a very big carrier on from *1600:00 --- but never any modulation! As I leave a receiver on it for the entire hour until 1700:05*. So, it's a bust! Site Issoudun or Nauen forgot to bring up an audio source? What will they do now? Feb 21 is the significant celebration date, so rescheduling it for another date less than 365 away would hardly suffice. Shame. Meanwhile, Roger found this previous item about plans for this year's broadcast; the instigator looking for more people to help with it:
<http://www.shz.de/lokales/insel-bote/radio-oeoemrang-sucht-mitwirkende-id8731521.html>

What he really needed was competent operation thruout the chain, eliminating some weakest link (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Carrier came on at 1600, but there's no audio! Strong carrier S7 to S9, so should be hearing something!!! 73, (Walt Salmaniw, Victoria, BC, 1607 UT, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Same here (Rich Ray, Burr Ridge, IL, 1609 UT, ibid.)

Strong carrier, but there's no audio 1600-1700 on 15215 Nauen -- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, 1712 UT, ibid.)

Radio Oomrang (Assumed), 15215, 2/21/15, tuned to frequency just prior to top of the hour and heard a transmitter power up at 1600 UT with S-9 reception, but no audio heard -- just a strong open carrier. I hung in there until 1619 and did not hear any content (Larry Zamora, Garland, TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15215, Annual Amrum special imminent. Yes, a strong broadcast signal from ?MBR Nauen? or ?TDF Issoudun? is underway at present 1611 UT on 15215 kHz. BUT heard ONLY A TX CARRIER since 1600 UT in US Massachusetts remote SDR unit at S=9+20dB or -51dBm signal strength. I asked MBR Cologne bureau this week by e-mail request, but no reply so far yet received though.

15215 kHz Radio OeOemrang Amrum isle festivity broadcast
[nil, sic, no QSL this year]

[later] At 1700:07 UT the PC on the transmission center cut the feed line of the hot air carrier only. The whole hour 16-17 UT noted the signal in US NorthEastern like Boston / New York as S=9+20dB or -51dBm signal strength all adjacent channels were totally free. wb df5sx

re 15215? OeOemrang Amrum Inselfest via Nauen oder Issoudun?, nix audio, nur carrier. Um 1700:07 UT hat der PC automatisch den Stecker gezogen. Bis zuletzt S=9+20dB or -51dBm Signal im US Nordosten.

Wie beliefert man den Broker dieser Tage, mit oller DVD Mail Uebersendung, oder per web online Upload nach Cologne? Oder hat die Aufzeichnung vorgelegen, aber die Uebertragung nach Nauen oder Issoudun hat nicht ge-funzt?

Die Amrum Community in den USA wird es verschmerzen koennen. Die brauchen doch keine Kuuuhsels vy73 de (Wolfgang DF5SX Bueschel, Feb 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY. 15150, Feb 24 at 1500, AWR with multilingual ID spiel, preceding Punjabi via Nauen. Strange thing: they manage to translate ``AWR`` into Italian, French, but in German they say the name in English! Why not ``Adventisten Welt-Rundfunk``?? BTW, it seems to me that in German the word ``Rundfunk`` (colorfully, literally, ``sparkin'-around``) is losing out to ``Radio`` except in established names like BR, NDR, WDR. Perhaps they have been influenced by R. Japan, which insists on pronouncing English ``NHK World`` in all other languages. Before 1500, AWR on 15150 is via Sri Lanka (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GERMANY [non]. Test broadcasts of Deutsche Welle on March 2-4:
0300-0310 on 11960 ISS 500 kW / 140 deg to EaAf Swahili
0310-0330 on 11960 ERV 500 kW / 192 deg to EaAf Swahili
0400-0410 on 11960 ISS 500 kW / 140 deg to EaAf English
0415-0430 on 13610 ISS 500 kW / 140 deg to EaAf English (DX RE MIX NEWS #897 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Feb. 23, 2015 via DXLD)
Warum?

** GOA. Early this morning from my tune in from around 4 am IST (2230 UT), test transmissions were heard from AIR Panaji on 1287 kHz. Hindi Films were heard contentiously without any announcements. From around 5:30 am IST (0000 UT) test tones were heard, followed by normal sign on announcements at 5:55 am (0025 UT). Reception was fair. This may be the new 100 kW Nautel DRM transmitter being installed here and reported in
<http://airddfamily.blogspot.in/2015/02/training-on-100kw-drm-transmitter.html>

Many similar transmitters are being currently installed all over India. It's worth checking the MW bands in early mornings (after normal programs of stations are over)

Prasar Bharati Parivar: Training on 100KW DRM Transmitter (Nautel), at HPT [high power transmitter] Bambolim(Panaji-Goa)
The Training on 100 KW MW DRM transmitter (Nautel), NABM Kingsway,

Delhi conducted from 16.02.15 to 20.02.15 at HPT, AIR Bambolim
(Panaji-Goa).

<<http://airddfamilly.blogspot.in/2015/02/training-on-100kw-drm-transmitter.html>>

Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur
Radio, Hyderabad, Mobile: +91 94416 96043, dx_india yg via DXLD)

Today at 2230 only Iran and Spain here in Finland. Best regards,
(Mauno Ritola, 25 Feb, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** GREECE. February 21:

Greek Mediumwave pirate on 1620v kHz 1330 on 6th hx 9719v

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1FKoM3gXEvg&feature=youtu.be>

Greek Mediumwave pirate on 1620v kHz 1420 on 6th hx 9719v

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QtZs61_DsVM&feature=youtu.be

February 22:

Greek Mediumwave pirate on 1620v kHz 1427 on 6th hx 9719v

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QHZ4aB4uEYs&feature=youtu.be>

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GREENLAND. Tasiilaq - Now with Google Streetview (SV) --- I was
informed (by one source) some time ago that this is the Kalaalit
Nunaata Radioa - 3815 kHz ?? SW TX site.(see link below)

Several masts, antennas & satellite parabolic dishes. There appears to
be a HF horizontal dipole antenna here, possibly for the 3815 kHz
transmission that was heard some time ago by DXers.

<http://goo.gl/maps/Y41EF>

I've no idea of what other possible HF transmission infrastructure is
onsite. Comments & feedback welcome as always. No luck with SV for the
remote Nuuk former SW TX site; although Streetview did extend from
Nuuk towards the tx site a little with what I'll creatively term 'Boat
View'. I kid you not ;-) (Ian, Feb 21, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** GUAM. DRM Test by KTWR GUAM to South Asia

Date : 23 & 24 Feb 2015

Time : 1445-1515 UT

Freq : 15300 kHz

Power : 90 kW

Azi : 285 deg

Reception reports to info@twr.asia

--- (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, Feb 20, dx_sasia yg via DXLD) Lang?

** GUATEMALA. 4055, Feb 20 at 0343, R. Truth, banjo variations on
favorite theme ``Workin` on the Railroad``, segue some other song,
rough modulation somewhat distorted. Feb 25 will be exactly one

sesquidecade after R. Verdad's first transmission (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Verdad, 4055, 2/22/15, 0045 UT with weak reception of accordion and organ music selections; ID at 0056 (Larry Zamora, Garland, TX, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4055, Feb 24 at 0117, poor-fair signal from R. Truth, sermon in English being translated into Spanish, phrase by phrase, something about the end of the world. Really? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Congratulations on fifteenth anniversary of first broadcast, Feb 25 (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUATEMALA. Autoridades cierran tres radios ilegales en Chichicastenango --- by gruporadioescuchaargentino

El informe oficial indica que los operativos se llevaron a cabo en Radio IxmucanÉ, Radio Tzwan Tinamit o Pueblo Entre Barrancos, en idioma K'ichÉ, y Radio Tecomat. Todas operaban en el casco urbano de ese municipio y explotaban de manera ilegal las frecuencias radiofÓnicas.

El fiscal del MP NoÉ Moya informÓ que fue capturado "scar Mejía Imul, quien se encontraba en uno de los inmuebles allanados. AgregÓ que tambiÉn se incautaron aparatos empleados para la explotaciÓn ilícita de las frecuencias radioelÉctricas y que tanto el detenido como el equipo ser·n puestos a disposiciÓn del juzgado que emitiÓ las Órdenes de allanamiento, inspecciÓn y registro.

"La investigaciÓn y posterior persecuciÓn penal las realizÓ el MP en Chichicastenango. Las frecuencias radioelÉctricas son propiedad del Estado y cualquier persona que desee operar una frecuencia debe cumplir con los requisitos estipulados en la leyî, asegurÓ Moya.

El fiscal aÒadiÓ que se decomisaron computadoras, consolas, excitadores, transmisores, cables y otro tipo de equipo que es utilizado en las estaciones de radio. "En la fiscalía a mi cargo existen unas trescientas denuncias relacionadas al funcionamiento ilegal de emisoras radiales" concluyÓ Moya.

El monto de lo incautado no fue dado a conocer debido a que cada emisora ilegal poseía equipo distinto. Los fiscales a cargo explicaron que para que una radioemisora como las que fueron clausuradas pueda salir al aire, se requiere una inversiÓn de Q50 mil a Q120 mil (tomada de Prensa Libre)(GRA blog via DXLD) WTFK X 3?

** GUYANA. 3290, Voice of Guyana (presumed), Georgetown, 0845 14-Feb:
I woke up a little after 0835. I heard a faint but certain signal on
3290. It took me a few minutes to find my recorder and get to my
Palstar. I heard several songs and mostly an OM announcer; I also
heard a YL voice but the OM did 99% of the talk. I could ID every song
and I could understand most of the lyrics. Even a song I never heard
before, Queen for Tonight. I have listened to my recording and still
can't say for certain if the OM or YL was speaking English. The
following is what I heard; the times are within a minute. The YL
interjected slightly after most songs. She took over later but the
signal was virtually gone by then. The battery on my recorder died so
I don't have her solo.

0845 Hank Locklin Please Help Me I'm Falling;
0847 OM Announcer Tx for 2 minutes. I can't discern what he says;
0849 Helen Shapiro Queen for Tonight;
0851 Skeeter Davis My Last Date (With You);
0854 OM Tx ??;
0854.5 Song, Skeeter Davis He'll Have To Stay;
0857 Skeeter Davis I can't help you I'm falling too;
0859 OM Tx until 0901 ??;
0901 Neil Sedaka You Mean Everything To Me;
0904 Neil Sedaka Breakin' Up Is Hard To Do;
0906 Neil Sedaka The Diary;
0908 OM Tx ???;
0910 Neil Sedaka Happy Birthday Sweet Sixteen.

When I checked 3290 at 0945 I couldn't hear anything (Gary Vance,
Grand Ledge MI, MARE Tipsheet Feb 20 via DXLD)

3290, Voice of Guyana (presumed); 0551-0600+, 15-Feb; English program
to BBCWS promo and program notes at 0559; BBC continued after ToH
pips. Poor with fair peaks (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B
+ 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my
ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3290, Feb 20 at 0644, zero signal, not even a carrier when we can
normally detect V of Guyana with BBCWS relay; so off again.

3290-, Feb 21 at 0706, JBA carrier from V. of Guyana is detectable
again unlike last night.

3290-, Feb 25 at 0616 check, again no detectable signal from V. of
Guyana; do others find it sporadic or missing again? (Glenn Hauser,
OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Hey, I saw that you haven't been hearing the Voice of Guyana
the past few days. Any confirmation? I sent an E-mail to Kenneth

Jones at N.C.N. inquiring, but haven't heard back from them. Yes, they are waiting for a budget to get more parts. It's a rather complex process. Still at 1,000 watts. I hope.

I'm home right now, shivering on the mountain in -40 degree wind chills. Oh, by the way, that was a fantastic write up on the history of The Voice of Guyana!! IN A POST OFFICE no less!! It brought visions of wooden panels, with glowing tubes, open frame tank circuits, and the smell of hot resistors wafting through the air.

How I wish for a simple tube based, 1 or 2.5 kilowatt job, in a little shack, somewhere in the South Pacific. Tahiti maybe.

Oh, I have a question, I have seen a report of something called a "mistimesignal". Just recently from Bangladesh. Is this a typo, or actual nomenclature for some type of signal? Best Regards (Jamie Labadia, Feb 25, WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

That's a hauserism, I coined to describe inaccurate timesignals. My position is that if you can't transmit TS accurately, don't transmit them at all (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Feb 25, had definite open carrier on 3289.97, around 0800; always below threshold level (no audio). So far my best reception remains to be Feb 5 with 0729 BBCWS ID and programming; sounded like Guyana choral National Anthem followed at 0759 with local ID; into nice selections of Hindi music; followed by eclectic selections of music (Hindi, C&W, pop [Elvis, etc.]). (Ron Howard, San Francisco, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Early this morning from my tune in from around 4 am IST (2230 UT), test transmissions were heard from AIR Panaji on 1287 kHz. Hindi Films were heard contentiously without any announcements. From around 5.30 am IST (0000 UT) Test Tones were heard, followed by normal sign on announcements at 5.55 am (0025 UT). Reception was fair. This may be the new 100 kW Nautel DRM transmitter being installed here and reported in <http://airddfamilly.blogspot.in/2015/02/training-on-100kw-drm-transmitter.html>

Many similar transmitters are being currently installed all over India. It's worth checking the MW bands in early mornings (after normal programs of stations are over). Yours sincerely, (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Feb 25, dx_india yg via DXLD)

** INDIA. 9380, Feb 20 at 1355, AIR National Channel is managing to modulate today! Fair with S Asian song.

9380, Feb 22 at 1359, AIR Aligarh site has resumed transmitting dead air instead of National Channel, fair signal with flutter (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. 11670, Feb 24 around 2130, AIR GOS with S Asian music, fair signal. I am getting this on the G8 portable with rod antenna only, in a stand-alone medical office lobby, incredibly without any noise level to cope with. Also clear signals from many other stations I would have a hard time hearing this well afternoons on the home rig (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA. V of Indonesia Cimanggis auch noch ganz schoen stark auf 9525.892 kHz um 1935 UT S=9+20dB oder -52dBm, ID um 1940 UT. Englischs Programm vy73 de (Wolfgang DF5SX Bueschel, Feb 21, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Probably via Sri Lanka remote receiver

Images of the Cimanggis SW Site 2013. Various images of the Cimanggis SW Site. Scroll to end of page.

<http://daerduopro.blogspot.com.au/>

(Ian, Feb 26, shortwavesites yg via DXLD) It's really of a Japanese DXer; plus several nice QSLs (gh)

** IRAN. 11675, Feb 25 at 1347, big hum atop suppressed-modulation talk, also flutter, i.e. VIRI Urdu service via Kamalabad until 1420. Aoki reminds later it's supposed to be // 11730, but don't recall hearing it there as I tuned on up (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [non]. February 16:

Radio Ranginkaman, Radio Rainbow in Farsi to WeAs 1700 on 7550 Grigoriopol, 9925 Secretbr

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vklkb_9btYU&feature=youtu.be
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ITALY [non]. 15190, Feb 22 at 1516, talk in English about ``animal cannibalism``, how humans ``eat the flesh of animal brothers & sisters``. Fair signal with deep fading during which a lite long-path echo is perceptible. This is the Sunday-only broadcast of IRRS at 1500-1530, which HFCC continues to pretend has MILano as transmitter site while we know it's really Romania, Galbeni as per Aoki, with Radio Santec (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** JAPAN. 5985, Shiokaze/Sea Breeze at 1401 in English, woman spelling e-mail address, ID over piano music of iThis Shiokaze, Seabreeze, from Tokyo, Japan.i, 1403 into feature that I think was iTodayis Newsflashi, sounding like news - Fair, Feb 19 (Harold Sellers, BC, editor of World English Survey and Target Listening, available at <http://www.odxa.on.ca> dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) English on Thu

** KASHMIR. INDIA, 4950, AIR-Srinagar, Feb 16 1305-1320, 33432, Kashmiri, Talk, ID at 1310 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. 2850, KCBS (via Pyongyang) 2/23, 1045. Monologue of M in Korean to somber sounding music. Good under t-storm type static (Rick Barton, (far north) Peoria AZ, listening from my tent by the lake, Grundig Satellit 750, 20' wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [and non]. 11635, CUBA, HM-01, ### broadcast, 2/22, 2140. Usual, but in huge collision with soprano vocalist from another station co-channel. The ID at ToH revealed that to be KCBS via North Korea (Rick Barton, (far north) Peoria AZ, listening from my tent by the lake, Grundig Satellit 750, 20' wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH [non]. U.K., 3955, Surprisingly heard also a German language program on shortwave - seldom these days -. On Victor's place in Piliyandala in Sri Lanka island heard KBS Seoul German via Babcock broker site at Woofferton U.K. S=8-9 strength in 3949.8 to 3960.2 kHz broadband range, listened at 2035-2045 UT Feb 21. [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B_schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non]. February 17: Denge Kurdistan in Kurdish to WeAs 1502 on 9400 Secrethrod, ex Grigoriopol + 2nd harmonic 18800
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mxmApJ1dTUU&feature=youtu.be>

Denge Kurdistan in Kurdish to WeAs 1605 on 9400 Secrethrod, ex Issoudun + 2nd harmonic 18800
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wMolPxr6nGg&feature=youtu.be>

Denge Kurdistan in Kurdish to WeAs 1658 on 9400 Secrethrod, ex Issoudun + 2nd harmonic 18800
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zz17E-5EiT0&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

February 18:

Denge Kurdistan in Kurdish to WeAs 0615 on 9400 Grigoriopol
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pCISur81eq0&feature=youtu.be>

Denge Kurdistan in Kurdish to WeAs 0800 on 9400 Yerevan
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G7hqS70ayEM&feature=youtu.be>

Denge Kurdistan in Kurdish to WeAs 1202 on 9400 Grigoriopol
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzVCj6KQLHM&feature=youtu.be>

Denge Kurdistan in Kurdish to WeAs 1302 on 9400 Grigoriopol
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErIFj0awiJg&feature=youtu.be>

Denge Kurdistan in Kurdish to WeAs 1400 on 9400 Grigoriopol
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWs4hSBtu1w&feature=youtu.be>

Denge Kurdistan 1453 open carrier on 2nd hx 18800 Secrethbrod, parallel
9400 Grigoriopol
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8iVde1SY2qY&feature=youtu.be>

Denge Kurdistan 1457 open carrier on 2nd hx 18800 Secrethbrod, parallel
9400 Grigoriopol
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6kSo8NzRJ1U&feature=youtu.be>

Denge Kurdistan in Kurdish to WeAs 1500 on 9400 Secrethbrod, ex
Grigoriopol + 2nd harmonic 18800
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fxOREinULjU&feature=youtu.be>

Denge Kurdistan in Kurdish to WeAs 1600 on 9400 Secrethbrod, ex
Grigoriopol + 2nd harmonic 18800
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ggK0oSSiGMc&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KURDISTAN [non]. 9400, Feb 19 at 1440, Denge Kurdistane has
regained a fair enough signal to enable enjoyment of the Kurdish music
concert; 1455 adding a recitation.

I'm listening carefully at 1500 for a site switch as Ivo Ivanov has
reported, and yes, about 1500:10 the signal drops dramatically,
otherwise no break in the music. That's when the 'Secrethbrod' site in
BULGARIA now takes over from PRIDNESTROVYE. Perhaps in the Turkish
target area the change is even less noticeable. At local range, he
also hears it on 18800 = 2 x 9400 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

SECRETLAND, Denge Kurdistan again via Secrethbrod:
1500-1700 on 9400*SCB 100 kW / 090 deg to WeAs Kurdish, ex KCH & ISS
* plus 2nd & 3rd harmonics on 18800 & 28200. Videos on Feb. 7/18/21:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/denge-kurdistan-again-via-secrethbrod.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, Feb 21, dxldyg via DXLD)

February 21: Denge Kurdistan in Kurdish to WeAs 1520 on 9400
Secrethbrod + 2nd & 3rd harmonix 18800, 28200
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fcR4hbsbDJc&feature=youtu.be>

Denge Kurdistan in Kurdish to WeAs 1606 on 9400 Secrethbrod + 2nd & 3rd

harmonix 18800, 28200

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-jSDncsJwM&feature=youtu.be>

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KUWAIT. Radio Kuwait in English observed on 2 freqs in // Feb 17:

1800-2000 6050 KBD 250 kW / non-dir N/ME English, instead of Arabic

1800-2000 15540 KBD 250 kW / 310 deg WeEu English, very poor Febr.17

1800-2000 13650 KBD 250 kW / 350 deg NoAm Arabic not // 6050 English

from 2000 6050 KBD 250 kW / non-dir N/ME Arabic GS as scheduled B14

from 2000 15540 KBD 250 kW / 310 deg WeEu English, as scheduled B-14

from 2000 17550 KBD 250 kW / 350 deg NoAm Arabic GS as scheduled B14

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/radio-kuwait-in-english-on-2-freqs-in.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DXLD)

15515, R. Kuwait, Feb 19 0736-0757, 35333, Arabic, Talk and Arabic music, ID at 0753 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

21540, Feb 20 at 1412, no signal from R. Kuwait, tho 21505 Sa'udi is propagating. Not on 21580 either.

21540, Feb 21 at 1457, R. Kuwait back on the air today, fair signal with ME Music (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Wrong frequencies of Radio Kuwait on Feb 23:

1600-1620 9750 KBD 250 kW / 286 deg NEAf Arabic GS, scheduled -1600UT

1600-1620 21540 KBD 250 kW / 310 deg WeEu Arabic GS, scheduled -1600UT instead of

from 1600 6050 KBD 250 kW / non-dir N/ME Arabic GS, scheduled 16-21UT

from 1600 15540 KBD 250 kW / 100 deg SoAs Urdu, scheduled till 1800 UT

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/wrong-frequencies-of-radio-kuwait-on.html>

[non]. 21540, Feb 24 at 1414, R. Kuwait is AWOL, certainly not due to propagation as neighbor Riyadh is still audible on 21505; and also absent Feb 25 at 1431, when 21505 is in even better than usual (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1762, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

One of the transmitters of Radio Kuwait temporarily was off the air from around 1400 UT on Feb 24 and continues at present as follows:

0500-0900 on 15515 KBD 250 kW / 059 deg to EaAs Arabic General Service

1000-1200 on 21580 KBD 250 kW / 084 deg to SEAs Filipino

1205-1555 on 21540 KBD 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu Arabic General Service

1600-1800 on 15540 KBD 250 kW / 100 deg to SoAs Urdu

1800-2100 on 15540 KBD 250 kW / 310 deg to WeEu English

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Feb 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KYRGYZSTAN. Another Christian 15 kW shortwave service heard irregularly in past years, on 5130v kHz Radio Maranatha/reported as Sadaye Zindage, in Pashto/Dari, also from Bishkek Krasnaya Rechka site, n o t heard daily, 1457-1757 UT range. Maybe ceased transmission now, when the new MW 1467 kHz broadcast came on air?

Maranatha/Sadaye Zindage - last report of Ivo in Bulgaria, July 1, 2014: ``KYRGYZ REP, 5130, Radio Maranatha, Shortwave Relay Service {with TWR ties} in Pashto or Dari to WeAsia, at 1736 UT on July 1 on 5130 kHz via Krasnaya Rechka, Bishkek site (Ivo Ivanov-BUL, dxld July 1)`` (via wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 20 via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DXLD)

** LAOS. 6129.982, LNR Lao National Radio from Vientiane broadcast site, phone-in program at 0013 UT on Feb 21, S=8dB or -77dBm signal, and background lower PBS Xizang Tibetan service on even 6130.0 kHz. Heard on Colombo Sri Lanka remote SDR unit at Victor's place in Piliyandala. [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] vy73 de (Wolfgang DF5SX Bueschel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6129.977, Lao National Radio from Vientiane, not far from reception place, S=9+20dB or -53dBm, male news reader like at 2325 UT on Feb 23. [Thailand location, selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Febr 24 via DXLD)

** MALI. 5995, Radio Mali, Bamako, *0558-0620, 22-02, tuning music, identification "Radio Mali, Bamako", French, comments, African music. 14321.

9635, Radio Mali, Bamako, 1631-1655, 21-02, vernacular, comments. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, Tecsun PL-880, Degen 31MS active loop antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 700, Feb 19 at 1259, big hum looping NE/SW on open carrier, 1300 Spanish news starts without any ID. Possibly two different stations, but I doubt it: hummer would be XEGD, La Poderosa, Hidalgo del Parral, Chihuahua, 5/1 kW per IRCA & Cant', 5/0.25 kW per WRTH (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 700, Feb 23 at 1303, indigenous language, then Spanish mentioning Comisi n Nacional para el Desarrollo de los Pueblos Ind genas (CDI), its sponsoring agency; at 1304 call-letter IDs at least twice as XEETCH. Poor signal perhaps about to fade out, but no significant QRM, loops WSW. This is in Etchojoa, Sonora, or Navojoa, 5 kW daytimer per Cant', La Voz de los Tres R os, and per IRCA serving three linguistic groups. Website with much more about it in Spanish: <http://ecos.cdi.gob.mx/xeetch.html>

including

``700 AM / 5000 watts

Dirección: Carretera Navojoa - Huatabampo, Km. 27, C.P. 85280,

Etchojoa, Sonora

Horario de transmisión: Diurno de 6:00 a 18:00 horas [UT -7]

Cobertura: Sonora, Sinaloa, Chihuahua

Lenguas en que transmite: Mayo, yaqui, guarijío y español``

It would be interesting to see what the same text would look like in those languages, but I see no link to them. Does provide audio streaming, and gallery of station staff (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re my several MW logs early UT Feb 24, and lack of northerly US stations, in ``auroral conditions``, WWV reported the K-index was 4 at 0000; 5 at 0300 & 0600. And as of 0300 & 0600, `` Geomagnetic storms reaching the G1 level occurred`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 710, Feb 24 at 0147, IFE PSA from NE/SW, then mentions Cuauhtémoc (could be an historical or street reference, major figure in México), but it's really XEDP, La Ranchera de Cuauhtémoc, in the Chihuahua city named for him, with singing ID jingle at 0147, which they frequently play. No het and little QRM in auroral conditions (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 740-, Feb 19 at 1245 UT, horrible low audible het to KRMG Tulsa as often the case on the low side, also in the evenings, but this time with SSB tuning to help, and nulling KRMG as much as possible (not a lot), I manage to copy some of the Spanish, mentioning ``noticias Torreón``, and later Coahuila, so that's it: XEQN, R. Fórmula, 10/1 kW per IRCA, Cant' and WRTH (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 870, Feb 23 at 1306, a bit of the Mexican NA is overtaken by XETAR IDs, mentioning Comisión Nacional para el Desarrollo de Pueblos Indígenas, as I had just heard on sibling station 700 XEETCH. 1307 full ID in Spanish by W & M alternating, as La Voz de la Sierra Tarahumara, poor signal and soon fading.

CDI page linking to all its emisoras:

<http://ecos.cdi.gob.mx/index.html>

There are 20 around the country, but only heard XETAR and XEETCH here.

And XETAR page, same format as for XEETCH:

<http://ecos.cdi.gob.mx/xetar.html>

``870 AM / 10000 watts

Dirección: Felipe Angeles y Francisco M. Plancarte Col. El Salto

Guachochi, Chihuahua. C.P. 33180

Horario de transmisi n: Diurno de 6:00 a 18:00 horas [UT -7 until DST]

Cobertura: Chihuahua, Sinaloa, Durango

Lenguas en que transmite: Tarahumara, tepehuano y espa ol  

(Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 900, Feb 19 at 1302, Chihuahua anthem concludes, full ID by XEDT 910 and XHDT 98.3 with 25 kW [but 5/1.5 or 1 kW on 900!], street address in Colonia Centro, Ciudad Chuaht moc,   una estaci n de Cadena Hits   and into   el programa n mero uno de Chihuahua  , con m sica country en ingl s. Earlier around 1230 I was hearing Spanish newscast on 900, probably XEOK Monterrey. Forget about XEW and its   250   kW (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 950, MEXICO unidentified. 1154 February 14, 2015. LOB puts it southern Mexico or Central America. Ranchera-type vocal at tune-in, into another, then brief kiddie singing at 1200 but not the Mexican anthem, short flute solo fill at 1202, male announcer, but lost with WTLN, Orlando throttling up full power/pattern.

On February 15: signal popped up from 1143 with ranchera and folk songs, male at 1200 but again lost in the fade, WTLN and Radio Reloj co-channel. On February 16: signal briefly up in the co-channel with the same flute theme, this time at 1204, and what seemed to be XE-- calls by man after, into Mexi-tune. February 17: 1155 MSpanish ballad, that same kiddie singing at 1200, lost.

Was hoping for the Nicaraguan Radio Rumbos de Rivas, Carretera Hacia San Jorge, Rivas, but is this one still active? Last listing was in the 2010 WRTVH, then as YNA44RR 1000-2400 GMT at 2.5 kW. No website found, just other references that show the calls now as YNCC, such as Streema with very current listener posts, but it references 105.7 and "FM - AM" but no AM frequency stated. So, suspect this may be XEMAB, Ciudad del Carmen, Campeche, previously logged here along with other more northern Mexicans on 950 (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, Feb 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 950, XEMEX, La Mexicana, Ciudad Guzm n, Jalisco. 1133 February 21, 2015. This one I've been chasing for a couple of weeks, always with a kiddie choral and instrumentally unaccompanied version of the anthem at 1200 and a brief flute theme varying between 1202-1204. Today, someone with a very low het suddenly up at 1133, then this (on frequency) at 1134 with nonstop accordion-backed Mexican vocals, "La Mexicana" atop one song at 1144. Into the kiddie anthem at 1200, the flutes at 1202, then male, "XEMEX, La Mexicana..." and back to Mexi-tunes, rapidly lost in the sunrise and WTLN, Orlando power up from 1201. That kiddie anthem seems to be gaining momentum on stations of late (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, Feb 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1110, Feb 24 at 0136, ID sounds like R. Metropolitana, 11-10 in promo, with SFX. I was expecting 100/50 kW XERED in the DF, but this is further southwest, and fits really for R. Guadalupana, XEWR, Ciudad Juárez, which IRCA lists as a 500-watt, 24-hour daytimer (i.e. blank for night power). But WRTH says 1000/500 watts. 0137 IFE PSA (sounded like, outdated one instead of INE?), 0138 regreso a su programa, 'Levántate con ---', YL-hostessed talk on the tema, 'la mentira'. A wakeup show? Then it's an evening playback.

Conditions are auroral, and KFAB 1110 Omaha in the opposite direction is absolutely no problem, not needing avoidance by nulling. Other northerly clears are blacked out, including WLW 700, WGN 720, WBBM 780, WCCO 830, WHAS 840, KOA 850, WLS 890, KMOX 1120, WLAC 1510, WCKY 1530 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1220, Feb 24 at 0134, Spanish news and it's about one word ahead of XERF 1570, so sibling station, or rather parent station XEB in the DF with 'Antena Radio' from IMER; despite its 100 kW clear-channel (ha, ha) status, not always audible at all (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1320, Feb 24 at 0132, Spanish news by YL anchoress, with quick sounder between items, looping SSW/NNE. She brings up a reporter on phone. Presumably XECPN, Piedras Negras, Coahuila again, with news format, La Poderosa with 10000/100 watts. Recheck at 0148, c-ncer PSA, group ID 'Radiorama, la cadena que une a México', and that chex for XECPN too (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1470, Feb 24 at 0128, Spanish norteña song, slightly clockwise from N/S, 0130.5 SHVA with XEHI ID, 7-30 timecheck. XEHI is in Ciudad Miguel Alemán, Tamaulipas, across from Roma TX. Cant' shows 10000/250 watts, slogan La Caponera. IRCA says 3000/250 watts, La Consentida. WRTH splits the difference with 10000/250 watts, La Consentida.

What does Caponera mean? My Random House Latin American Spanish dictionary says: 'coop for fattening capons'; informally, 'gaol'; or 'place where one lives well free of charge'. But root word capón also means castrated or gelded, as for roosters. A great name for a radio station, eh? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1510, Feb 24 at 0127, Spanish talk from N/S is dominant, presumed XEQI in Monterrey NL; no WLAC needing to be nulled (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. 1560, XECHZ, Chiapas de Corzo, Chiapas, FEB 24 1100 UT - rose up over domestic ESPN with vocal music, notes from a pan flute,

"Radio Lagarto" ID by a woman, then into a vocal version of the Himno de Chiapas. Fell into the noise but heard a few minutes later with the Mexican national anthem (Brett Saylor, State College, PA, Perseus SDR with 16' x 36' superloop @ 180 degrees, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Nice catch! Good to know about this one. I presume they are running proper night power at night, but use day power from 1100. Their sked: <http://www.imer.mx/radiolagarto/programacion/>
My only two Mexicans logged on 1560 are from Mexico City and Juarez. 73 KAZ 35 miles NW of Chicago, (Neil Kazaross, ibid.)

** MEXICO. RAYMIE'S MEXICO BEAT --- ON THE AIR: XHCBM-TDT 24 (8.x) Cerro Burro-Ptzcuaro, Mich. It is unclear if the Zamora and Morelia-Las Flores shadows are also on in digital but the main station is for sure. Also, confirmation of what I had thought on XHFX and XHKW, that they are on (Raymie Humbert, AZ, Feb 20, WTFDA Forum via DXLD)

Apparently the IFT will focus on switching big cities first <http://www.01800consumidor.com/ift-prioriza-el-apagon-analogico-por-zonas/> to help the new networks as they will be digital-only. That news will make trying to get Monterrey a little more urgent, I'm sure. I'm awaiting the SCT February report which will trigger phase 2 of the analog shutoff to see what cities will go (Raymie, Feb 24, ibid.)

Another Azteca is on: Campeche, Camp. [XHCAM-TDT 24, XHGE-TDT 29]. Very, very low ERPs, as can be expected from new-to-air Aztecas and probably not the full 20 kW each station has authorized; in fact the same guy who keeps reporting a subdecode on 32 (which may not be XHOPCC after all ó some think it could be regular interference from XHVIZ) now has subdecodes on 24 and 29 too.

I'm going to roll Campeche over and say these are on the air. They are either the first commercial stations or the first stations outright here.

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If Campeche isn't your speed, Hermosillo might be. Last we checked Televisa had gone on, and then promptly gone off.

They did the same thing last night, at 2am. That sounds like simultaneous co-channel operation, but apparently they were on earlier today too with analog, simultaneously.

Like in many cases the channels are national feeds with no timeshifting (Sonora is one hour behind; it has no DST, in line with Arizona) or local content (Raymie, Feb 27, ibid.)

°APAG°N ANALOGICO: PARTE DOS! The second city will go on March 26, and to the relief of certain DXers, it will be Mexicali!

<http://www.ift.org.mx/iftweb/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/COMUNICADO-12-IFT.pdf>

XHBC-3, XHAQ-5, XHBM-14, XHEXT-20, XHMEE-32 and XHMEX-38 are the stations to sign off on this occasion. TDT penetration levels are around 95.6% in the stations' service area. What will NOT be going away are the analogs in San Luis Río Colorado, Sonora, channels 44 and 50, which are not yet in digital (one is CE, the other is Telemax). (Raymie, Feb 26, *ibid.*)

XHBC-3 was the first Mexican station I saw, (in the Summer, I think) of 2005. It mixed with (what was prior to June 2009), a regularly received PBS station, KOET-3, Eufaula, OK.

I guess XHBC-3 going in March is too bad for me, since now, I will not be able to record a catch of the station on a TV this year, or anymore. I suppose this means that if I wanted to do that, it has to be while the opportunity is there.

XHBC seemed to be a regular for me, whether the station was mixing with another channel 3 station in Mexico, or was by itself.

Sometime this Summer, I think, will be the 10th anniversary of when I first received XHBC.

Maybe there's a chance I can still receive other Mexican stations, depending on the timing of the analog turn off dates for the remaining analog stations in Mexico (Kegan, northwest AR, Feb 26, *ibid.*)

XHBC-3 is my furthest double hop reception at around 2400 miles. I had always hoped that I could see it one more time but it is not to be. Analog TV DXing, for the most part, will be dead by the end of the year (Mike Bugaj, Enfield, CT, -72 30' W/41 59' N, FN31RX, Mike's TV and FM DX Page Online since 1999 and still going! Feb 26, *ibid.*)

Is that for Mexico DX? (Kegan, *ibid.*)

This year is it, Kegan: they want everyone to digital by the end of the year (Raymie, *ibid.*)

** MONGOLIA. Mongolia on Long Wave: Paper about reception in Germany & Austria --- HI - as all five long wave transmitters from Mongolia have been received at various locations in Europa, I did a paper about the reception (and offsets), with a little help of some friends:

http://ratzer.at/pdf/Mongolia_LW_DK80K.pdf

--- 73, (Nils, DK80K, Schiffhauer, Feb 23, mwcircle yg via DXLD)

That's an interesting report, Nils. Thanks for sharing it with us. Can you please explain how the four hops vs seven hops conclusion is

reached? (Andrew Brade, *ibid.*)

Thanks, Andrew - the calculation/simulation of the hops has been made with the 3D-ray-traycing module of PropLab3.00.1017:

<http://www.spacew.com/www/skycom.html>

Any other simulation, solution or explanation welcomed! 73 (Nils, *ibid.*)

This is quite technical but also contains photographs of staff members, and station buildings, so a bit of human interest as well. I miss the Russian longwave transmitters, so should be hunting for the Mongolian ones. Best wishes, (Nick Hall-Patch, BC, IRCA via DXLD)

** MONGOLIA [and non]. 12085 kHz ñ heard Mongolia here, dominant, a day or two after Radio Australia switched to new 3 transmitter schedule. But not since. [time??]

RA is as good as ever on 12065 almost through entire daylight period. 12085 fluttery. 9580 only weak trace. Both of these on my own HF receiver (Derek Lynch, Ireland, Feb 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The Voice of Mongolia relay at 2000 UT via the Kall transmitter [GERMANY] has been repeating the same programme (Mailbox) for a number of days now. The VoM podcasts via The Radio 360 service at

<http://www.radio360.eu/podcasts/en/mn/vom/vom.php>

shows the last available podcast was for 16 February (and is the same Mailbox programme that is currently being repeated via Kall). Checking the website at

<http://en.vom.mn/>

this has also been unavailable for a number of days (you just get a message in Mongolian which I presume means "page not found"), and I guess is the reason for the non-updating of the programme and podcast. (Alan Roe, Teddington, UK, Feb 23, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MOROCCO. 9575, R. Medi Un, Feb 16 0736-0745, 45343, French, News, ID at 0737 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9575, Feb 24 at 0617, MÈdi Un with Arabic music; poor signal, unusual flutter on this due to auroral conditions, K-index 5, tho not on weak Sudan 9505 which is a more northerly path over Spain (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR. 7345, Thazin Radio ñ Pyin U Lwin (site listed), 1230, 2/21/15, in Mon (listed.) 3+1 time pips, fanfare into short

announcements including and ID, man announcer, woman with apparent correspondent reports. Fair to poor (Mark Taylor, Madison, Wisconsin, Perseus, WinRadio g313e, Eton e1, Grundig Satellit 800 & G3, Sangean 909X with clear mod, Tecsun PL 660; 40 meters dipole, RF Systems Mk 2, Flex antenna, NASWA Flashsheet Feb 22 via DXLD)

Hi Mark, However, see Aoki, 7345 is also scheduled with CNR1 (not a jammer) long before and after that time. I believe they do have time signals on the half-hour. Possibly it was down for maintenance? (Glenn to Mark, via DXLD)

Hi Glenn, 7345 was not // with other CNR1 jammers or legit outlets and didn't sound like Mandarin, so I think it was Thazin. I have to admit, I have no idea what Mon sounds like in and of itself. That frequency is tricky since it frequently does have the CNR outlet dominating or both mixing some days, or Myanmar dominating other days. The wonder of shortwave! (Mark Taylor, WI, ibid.)

** MYANMAR. 6029.992, MR probably Rakhine program from northern broadcast center at Pyin Oo Lwin TX site, in Burmese language noted at 0008 UT Febr 21, S=9+15dB or -57dBm, powerful and much stronger than 5985 kHz.

5915.0, MR Naypyidaw capital non-directional service, noted at 0011 UT Feb 21, S=9+5dB or -67dBm strength in Sri Lanka.

6164.994, MR, Thazin radio program scheduled here, from northern broadcast center at Pyin Oo Lwin TX site. Modern nice sweet pop music heard at 0016 UT Feb 21, S=9+10dB or -63dBm.

7200.102, MR Burmese female voice program at 0020 UT Feb 21, poor S=5 or -94dBm signal probably from older southern Yangon Yegu site. No ± 14 kHz spurious heard/visible seen this morning.

Heard on Colombo Sri Lanka remote SDR unit at Victor's place in Piliyandala. [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] vy73 de (Wolfgang DF5SX Bueschel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

MR radios on air at 2315 UT, except 6030 kHz which comes on air later.

5915.0, Myanmar Radio Naypyidaw capital non-directional sce, logged at 2315 UT Febr 23, S=9+20dB or -51dBm strength in Thailand SDR post. Violin music and light SE Asian pop singer sound. In background underneath CRI Kashgar in English language service.

5985.0, MR Yangon Yegu, light Burmese pop singer program at 2318 UT on Febr 23. S=9+15dB -54dBm.

6164.994, Thazin Radio from northern broadcast center at Pyin Oo Lwin TX

site. Modern nice sweet pop music heard at 2329 UT Febr 23, S=9+10dB or -63dBm. Aoki list 'Chin' language of Myanmar/Thai/Laos language family sounding. Seemingly start morning fade-out now at 2330 UT, Greyline in Myanmar. Darkline at present in Calcutta - Sri Lanka.

Now at 2330 UT also Myanmar Rakhine Broadcast Station on 6029.992 on air, also from northern bcast center at Pyin Oo Lwin TX site. Male reader endless speech. S=9+35dB or -43dBm at 2340 UT, much stronger than Yangon 5985 kHz or Pyin Oo Lwin 6165 kHz at same time slot. Equal level like 5915 kHz Naypyidaw signal.

7200.092, Distorted audio signal from MR Yangon Yegu bcast center at 2352 UT, wide range outlet 7186 to 7214 kHz, hit even VoVietnam Daclac domestic program on 7210 kHz even frequency. [Thailand location, selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B, schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Febr 24 via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS. - Campaign group Save the Radio Netherlands Worldwide Archive. [Attachment(s) from Horacio Nigro included below]

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Read the full document in the enclosed pdf. (via Red het archief van Radio Nederland Wereldomroep, Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/redhetarchiefvanradionederlandwereldomroep/> (via Horacio Nigro, CX3BZ, "La Galena del Sur", Montevideo, Uruguay, Feb 24, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DXLD) Viz.:

PRESS RELEASE - Campaign group Save the Radio Netherlands Worldwide Archive - PRESS RELEASE

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Not reversed --- RNW Director General Robert Zaal has responded in writing that the decision to take the old website pages offline will not be reversed. In short, keeping the archive online has become too complicated. Parts of the archive have been secured or placed elsewhere, but tens of thousands of journalistic texts and blogs could find themselves in a virtual paper shredder and will possibly be deleted. Articles in Dutch are least likely to be kept save and freely available. Mr Zaal:

iThese pages are no longer relevant for RNW, as they were made for Dutch-speakers and we no longer serve this group.i

Meeting rejected --- The RNW management has rejected a meeting on the matter with a delegation of former members of staff. However, the management says that any 'reasonable' request to view the archive shall be honoured.

Eradicated --- The reasons given for the decision to take the archive offline are cuts and a lack of brand recognition. The new organisation has distanced itself from the previous activities of Radio Netherlands Worldwide, on the grounds that these no longer match the current brief. There is apparently regularly confusion between the new RNW and old Radio Netherlands Worldwide, as a result the current activities are failing to get sufficiently noticed. By taking the internet archive offline, the competition it poses (RNW's own past) has been eradicated, and with it part of the Netherlands' broadcasting history.

Save the archive --- The 'Save the Radio Netherlands Worldwide Archive' ('Red het archief van Radio Nederland Wereldomroep') campaign group strongly opposes this extremely regretful decision and demands a solution. The current course of action demonstrates a total disregard for the informative value (worldwide) of this archive and for the work of hundreds of passionate and renowned journalists. In addition, the

archive material is eco-owned by Dutch tax payers and should be handled with due care.

The campaign group asks colleagues in the media, politicians and librarians to draw attention to this matter. When archive images, recordings and text material can be treated with such disdain, it is something that all people should care about: it is a threat to our historic, cultural and journalistic heritage.

>>> Note for the editors: For contact, please e-mail:
save.the.archive.of.rnw@gmail.com. For more information please see the public Facebook group:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/redhetarchievanradionederlandwereldomroep/>
(via DXLD)

It would help if the anonymous editors of this press release had also set up a presence in the open internet. They can't seriously expect everyone to have a Facebook account, especially in light of the latest incarnation of the Facebook terms of service.

It's interesting to read that the bosses of "the new RNW" are obviously disappointed by its reach. The surprise in fact surprises: Did they really believe that they could maintain the glory from the old broadcasting world? Never heard of "lost in cyberspace"?

See also
<http://criticaldistance.blogspot.com/2015/01/wereldomroep-already-no-longer-exists.html>
(Kai Ludwig, dxldyg via DXLD)

Kai - The problem Radio Netherlands faces now has nothing to do with being lost in cyberspace. Since 2012 under the new mandate, they don't serve or target listeners. This is because they are effectively no longer a radio station. Their new mandate is to promote freedom of speech, through education of media people in the countries they target.

Now let's take China, for example. Even if they did continue to produce programs and use shortwave, no one in China even knows what Radio Netherlands is. Even people at CRI who I worked with had never heard of them. But they all know BBCWS, VOA, RFI, DW, Radio Australia, NHK, etc. But Radio Netherlands --- So even if RNW was to have programs blasting towards China, no one would listen.

From 2012 onwards, RNW made a few substantial mistakes. The first one being: If RNW ceased being a radio station, the name Radio Nederland Wereldomroep (Radio Netherlands Worldwide), should have been dropped. Because in the rest of the world they have a legacy problem. 60 years

on the air was a problem. Now they thought that the RNW brand was strong enough that the work they are now mandated to do would be easy. But if anything, it hurt what they are trying to do. The Radio Netherlands brand is not strong enough.

The second big error is the person who is heading the Chinese side of Radio Netherlands has: Cannot speak Chinese, never lived in China and I can tell you after having a conversation with him, has no idea how China works. How can you manage a language when you don't speak it? How can you manage a department that is suppose to promote free speech in China when you have ever lived there? How does that work?

What Radio Netherlands realized over the last 12 months is that because of its legacy, the only way they can TRY to move forward is by erasing anything that they did before 2012.

Now in 2013, I sent to Radio Netherlands a document on what they should be doing if they want to make any impact in independent journalism in China. Well, 13 months later they finally contacted me. We had a conference called that lasted about 2 hours. Also on the call were the staff from their Chinese department. It was annoying, because the head of the department could not speak Chinese and I sensed that some of the things that we discussed went right over his head. During the meeting I stressed that they need to drop "Radio Netherlands". Come up with a new name. A name that could easily be branded in China. Using the "so-called" Radio Netherlands brand in China is like branding the Shanghai Media Group in Europe. No one's heard of them.

The other thing I pointed out was the content on their Chinese site helanonline.cn. There is nothing new and it's content that you can already find on sites in China like Weibo and others. So why would anyone check out a Chinese site from Radio Netherlands. Also I should mention that web traffic for the site is very low.

It should also be pointed out they never intended to, as you put it, "Did they really believe that they could maintain the glory from the old broadcasting world?". This was never the intent after the change in mandate. They were going into a direction that had no business model.

Back in 2012 I predicted that Radio Netherlands would vanish in a few years. The writing is on the wall now. With a budget of 12 million Euros, they need to show the government that it is money well spent. It could have been, but no one at Radio Netherlands had the experience to go off into a different direction (Keith Perron, Taiwan, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Keith Perron just created a webpage with the info, as he tells in FB.

<http://www.pcjmedia.com/home/1-latest-news/269-save-the-radio-netherlands-archive>
73 (Horacio Nigro, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DXLD)

** NEW ZEALAND. Start Planning your DXpeditions and Overnight
Listening Sessions --- Changes in Auckland, New Zealand. April will
open up some DX listening opportunities for us on medium wave.

The Mangere (Auckland) site occupied by transmitters/antennas for the
BBC World Service Auckland (810 kHz) and Radio Apna (990 kHz) has been
sold for commercial development, necessitating their relocation. These
stations will shortly be hosted at Radio New Zealand's Henderson site
in West Auckland, meaning a total of 15 AM stations operating from the
two masts at Henderson.

We can expect shutdowns of all stations at Henderson to complete the
transfer. Addition of new co-hosted stations is a significant
technical project as RNZ's website
http://www.radionz.co.nz/outage_schedule
advises that *756* AM (Radio NZ National) could have early morning
outages of 4 hours 50 minutes on 17 nights between Tuesday 7 April and
Friday 1 May.

Other frequencies carried by the Henderson masts are
531, *603*, *702*, *882*, *936*, *1080*, *1179*, *1251*, *1332*,
1386, 1476 and 1593 ñ these frequencies will also go silent during
April when work is done on their shared antenna.

So, how are you going to respond to this unusual listening
opportunity? (Bryan Clark, Feb 23, dxdialog [restricted NZDXRL group],
via Paul, mwmasts yg via DXLD)

That's an awful lot of stations at one site --- how do they avoid
interaction? Are any of them directional? If not, that would simplify
matters a lot (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. Radio New Zealand International, 9700, 2/23/15, good
listening reception. Enjoyed the Spectrum program about a 70-year old
man sharing his "pioneer days" of stories as a volunteer lifeguard at
New Zealand's Sunset Beach (Larry Zamora, Garland, TX, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. 15120, V. of Nigeria:
Feb 16 0705-0736, 35333, English, Talk and drums, ID at 0719 and 0728
Feb 17 0712-0724, 35433, English, Afro pop, ID at 0718
Feb 18 0710-0733, 35433, English, Talk, ID at 0719
Feb 21 0808-0820, 35433-35333, English, Talk and music, ID at 0818
(Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-345,
Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING

DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [non]. 11865, GERMANY, Hamada Radio International - Nauen, 1949-1959*. Talk in Hausa by a man. Talk by a woman over music 1957. Music at 1958. Announcement by man at 1959, then abrupt audio cutoff. Poor to moderate signal strength with heavy fading. 2/16/2015 (Jim Evans, Germantown TN, Perseus, IC-R75, ICF-SW7600G, PL-880, PL-660, PL-380, Random Wire, Wellbrook Loop. All logs this week from PL-880, PL-660, and random wire, NASWA Flashsheet Feb 22 via DXLD)

** NORTH AMERICA. PIRATE-NA. Channel Z, 6950.7 AM, 2245-0019, 02-15/16-15, SI0: 444, with its Spring-Summer tunes by Youngbloods, The Who, Mungo Jerry, into "Before They Were Famous" part #5 at 2318 with Andrew Walker. Off at 0019* Signal held up well throughout (Chris Lobdell, Box 80146, Stoneham, MA 02180, Receivers: Eton E1, JRC NRD-545, Aerials: 40 Meter Dipole, G5RV dipole, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. Old Radio Program Pirate: 6770/AM, 0119, 17-Feb; Amos & Andy. Fair peaks and best in SSB as usual; best heard in a couple of weeks.

+++ [same], 0652-0702+, 17-Feb; Big band music from tune-in to Arch Obler murder mystery at 0700. SI0=3+53 peaks (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Old Time Radio. Saturday, February 14, 2015, 2359, 6770 am. Bluesy big band song with female vocalist. Duffy's Tavern from 1947 started at 0000. Very good sound and signal, s9. (Will-MD)

Old Time Radio. Saturday, February 21, 2015, 2328, 6770 am. World War II-era big band music with female vocalists. Armed Forces Radio Service ID at 2330 signing off a variety show, into an Avalon Cigarettes ad, for Avalon Time, Red Skelton, etc. Good sound and signal, s9 (Larry Will, MD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. Channel Z Radio. Sunday, February 15, 2015, 2354, 6951 am. 70s rock music from Dust (1971), ID Andy Walker on Channel Z at 2356, good signal, s15. (Will-MD)

WMID. Sunday, February 15, 2015, 2350, 6925.6 am. Mellow motown music, ID "WMID John T Arthur's second favorite radio station" at 2352, into reggae pop. s15 (Larry Will, MD, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORWAY. 1785.0 kHz, 2323-... 11/2, Rogaland R, Farsund, Norwegian weather report. 25342 (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, JRC NRD-545DSP & NRD-93; Quantum Phaser, home made amp.(W7IUUV version); raised, 4 loop-

K9AY, 6x19x6 m Ewe 135J, 14 m low noise LF/MF Vertical, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. 1000, Feb 19 at 1323 UT as I am tuning across KTOK OKC, quick carrier break, presumably late switch from night to day facility, as official FCC sunrise in Feb is 1315 UT (March: 1245 UT) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1120, Feb 19 circa 2130 UT, still open carrier/dead air from KEOR Catoosa/Sperry/Tulsa, for the 32nd day as audible on caradio by quietening of channel compared to noisier 1110; and also can hear KLEY 1130 modulation abutting the -10 carrier. But wait! It's no longer KEOR. In NRC DX News Feb 23, David Yocis includes in his AM Switch column:

``1120 KEOR OK Catoosa ñ Call change to KETU (changed in database Feb. 2015 where it says the effective date was Nov. 21, 2012)``

How were we supposed to know, when it's been broadcasting for a month at least, since January 19 without any modulation, not even IDs? (Glenn Hauser, Enid, WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1360- & 1420+, Feb 21 at 0130 UT, spurs from strongest local 1390 KCRC are still barely detectable making low audible hets against proper stations, and DFing toward KCRC site (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 90.1, Feb 22 at 1757 and still 1827 UT chex, KUCO Edmond, our classical station, is off the air. Maybe something to do with snowstorm; fortunately back on later in afternoon for favorite shows at 21+ UT 'Wind & Rhythm', 22+ UT 'Mad About Music' (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OMAN. Extended broadcast of Radio Sultanate of Oman English Feb 19: 1400-1500 15140 THU 100 kW / 315 deg WeEu English, as scheduled B-14 1500-1600 15140 THU 100 kW / 315 deg WeEu English, instead of Arabic 1600-1700 15140*THU 100 kW / 315 deg WeEu English, instead of Arabic from 1700 15140 THU 100 kW / 315 deg WeEu Arabic, as scheduled B-14 * confirmed, but totally blocked by All India Radio in Russian in DRM mode
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/extended-broadcast-of-radio-sultanate.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #897 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Feb. 23, 2015 via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DXLD)

The domestic service has a 24-hour FM channel in English, so forgot to switch away from it. Wish they would put more of it on SW (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3385, NBC East New Britain. Back in 2010, I often listened to the American syndicated show "Beyond Today," which was aired after 1200 on Sunday. In July, 2013, I emailed UCG about their SW programs, as I had not heard them for quite a while. Their response was - "At this time we are not airing Beyond Today on shortwave radio. We apologize, but the time and resources to make it available in that medium, versus the responses received, did not make it worthwhile."

Sunday, Feb 22, heard the audio feed from the "Beyond Today" TV show "Overcoming Alcoholism," already in progress at 1220. Clearly an audio feed, as heard mention by Steve Myers to "write to the address shown on the screen." Program ended at 1236 with contact info (1-888-886-8632 and website: beyondtoday dot tv).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oCitBZebN60>

has the actual TV show (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, E1 & CR-1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Sent off a report to "UCG Information <info @ ucg.org> and asked if they were on any other SW stations. Below is their response. Guess that NBC realized, after many years without it, that they could relay the audio feed without any help from "Beyond Today." (Ron Howard, ibid.) Viz.:

iThank you for your message. We were not even aware of us being on shortwave radio out of Papua New Guinea. Someone must be doing it on their own ñ very interesting. So, to answer your question, no - we are not syndicated on any other short-wave stations. Sorry!

Warm regards, T.E. Media and Communications Servicesî (Ron Howard, Feb 24, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 5025, R. QUILLABAMBA, 20/2 1035 UT. Saludos y m'sica de cumbias serranas. SINPO: 55444. Audio sobremodulado (Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160; ANT: Hilo de 40 metros + 20 metros de antena de tierra; QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Regi n, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** PERU [and non]. 5980, Feb 21 at 0102, JBA carrier(s), with wobble on BFO, hard to tell if two carriers or just propagation, but listening very intently, at 0102:59.5* signal weakens a bit as one of them apparently goes off, i.e. R. Chaski, leaving BBCWS via UAE as usual. Last check of this was 8 days earlier, Feb 13 when the same happened at 0102:10*, i.e. 49.5 seconds earlier. Divided by 8, that gives average of 6.2 seconds later per 24 hours, very close and certainly within margin of error to the 5.83 seconds previously computed for R. Chaski's sliding autotimer (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

PHOTOS Tnx to

<http://rinconondacorta.blogspot.it/2013/02/radio-chaski-de-cusco-peruvuelve.html>
(via Playdx Electronic Feb 22 via DXLD)

5980, R. CHASKI, 21/2 2350 UT. Portadora al aire con una modulaci n sin ID y con bajo audio (Claudio Galaz, RX: Realistic DX-160; ANT: Beverage [sic], 40 metros; QTH: Barraza Bajo, IV Regi n, Chile, condiglista yg via DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES. Very odd frequency of FEBC in Chinese heard Feb 20:
0900-1400 9400.5 IBA 100 kW / 330 deg EaAs, blocked by Denge Kurdistan
1400-1600 9345.5 IBA 100 kW / 330 deg EaAs, same transmitter is on air
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/febc-in-chinese-on-add-93455-and.html>
(Ivo Ivanov, Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DXLD)

** PHILIPPINES [and non]. 9400, MDA, Radyoya Denge Kurdistane, from Grigoriopol Maiac-MDA, in Kurdish, around 1202 UT S=9+10dB strength, + HEAVY interference of FEBC Chinese [or CNR jamming?? on 9400.384 kHz heterodyne whine yammer, wb.], FEBC Manila Mandarin Chinese also \ 9430.004 kHz, but clean audio signal on latter here in southern Germany. Ludo, this 9400 a terrible service these days with the various frequency channel hoppings from MDA, ARM, BUL, and Issoudun Broadcasting center sites, too (Wolfgang B.schel, Some noon Germany logs on Feb 20 at 1130-1255 UT slot, [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz], wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 20 via DXLD)

Hello, these days heard and visible on SDR Radio screens TERRIBLE heterodyne outlet always on Radyoya Denge Kurdistane frequency channel 9400 kHz from Gavar Armenia, according to registration data, at 0930 UT exact on 9399.997 kHz - 3 Hertz lower side.

May you can tell the colleagues at FEBC Manila that their IBA transmitter site outlet of Chinese service at 0900-1400 UT is
O D D FREQUENCY
and annoying also here in Europe, also on Moscow Russia monitoring SDR unit, and supposedly also in Near East target in Turkey, Iraq and Iran.

Measured odd frequency at 0930 UT today Febr 24 is exact footprint 9400.382 kHz
also measured in Nagoya and Tokyo Japan remote software defined radios via remote network. vy73 de (Wolffy df5sx Stuttgart, Germany, to Ludo Maes, BRB, Feb 24, via DXLD) Later: FEBC back near 9400.0 (gh)

** PRIDNESTROVYE. QSL: 7460, RADIO PAYAM e D00ST - Clandestine Station to IRAN via Transmitter in Kishniev-Grigioropol, MOLDOVA (Pridnestrovky Radio-telecentr) FULL DATA - eQSL Sheet Received in 3 HOURS! for an Emailed Report to prtc@idknet.com QSL Signed by Sergey Olmelchenko, Technical Director. This is for a Dec/14/2014 Reception.

I sent an earlier report direct to the Payam e Doost Organization, which to date has gone unanswered. Thanks to info supplied by Jean-Marie Monplot in France. I tried this route, and Voil ! (Rob Ross, London ON, Drake R8B + 180' LW, MARE Tipsheet Feb 20 via DXLD) Proxy

** PUERTO RICO. QSL En vivo, 1660 kHz, WGIT, Faro de Santidad, Can vanas, Puerto Rico. Foi enviado o video da escuta. O locutor que nao sei o nome me confirmou a escuta ao vivo, no programa matinal.

``O DIOS O BENDIGA HERMANO que escuchas en Brasil AM 1660 kHz``

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2vnNela-IVM&feature=a>

<http://farodesantidad.org/envivo>

- See more at:

<http://www.dexismointernacional.com.br/index.php/entretenimento/item/133-qs1-en-vivo-1660-khz-wgit-faro-de-santidad-canovanas-puerto-rico#sthash.tv4ZeRPP.dpuf>

(Daniel Wyllians, Nova Xavantina MT, Brasil, Hard-Core-DX mailing list via DXLD) They QSLed him with a greeting on the air (gh)

** RUSSIA. [Cf MONGOLIA]. Long Wave: Paper about reception in Germany & Austria --- I miss them as well, Nick. For whatever reason, the Mongolians have only been very rarely heard in Masset. I don't remember whether I ever heard them in Grayland. Now, the Russian MW channels appear to have all left the air, at least the ones we have been used to hearing, leaving a few low power outlets only. 73 (Walt Salmaniw, IRCA via DXLD)

Actually, the Asiatic MW Russians peaked at 78 stations and now half are still on the air (39). But as you pointed out, the fatality list includes almost all the big guys. Of the Grayland regulars, only Rossii 810 remains (Chuck Hutton, WA, *ibid.*)

Glad to see that 810 is still on, as I was led to believe that it was going off the air as well, Chuck. PS: Has anyone at Grayland ever heard any of the various private MW Russian far east stations? PAL lists a pile of them, but I never see them reported. I did hear Avtoradio on 531 very well in Masset in March. 73, (Walt, *ibid.*)

I suppose you speak about any Russian MW stations, not just R. Rossii's? I have been able to confirm only SIX of them so far. There may be a couple active in Far East Russia, but no one has reported them. 810 kHz should be off, or has someone heard it in February? http://wrth.com/updates_national.html

R. Rossii has closed most of its medium wave transmitters. Only the following transmitters have been reported on the air after 31 January: Matveyevka 936 kHz, Ust-Kan/Ulagan 1350/1353 kHz, Buguruslan 1395 kHz and Turochak/Ust-Koksa 1440 kHz.`` 73, (Mauno Ritola, *ibid.*)

**** RUSSIA. CLONE TWITTER ACCOUNTS TARGET RFE/RL**

By RFE/RL February 17, 2015

<http://www.rferl.org/content/clone-twitter-accounts-target-rferl/26853959.html>

Imitation, they say, is the sincerest form of flattery. But it can also be an insidious form of disinformation.

On February 9, a clone account appeared on Twitter that mimics the account of RFE/RL's Russian-language service Radio Svoboda, using nearly identical graphics and a very similar account name. The account name misspells the Russian word "svoboda" as "svoboba."

The profile box of the fake account reads, in Russian, "Free news on Radio Liberty. We change your motherland into our sneakers." It then gives two purported "contact numbers" which are actually the public lines to Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service.

A few days earlier, a similar clone account appeared that mimics the account of the Russian-language service of Voice of America (VOA). That account encourages "those who wish to report on the movements of the armed forces of the Russian Federation" to call a number that turns out to be the reception line for the Federal Security Service (FSB). In this case, the account name is "Colos Ameriki" instead of the Russian for Voice of America, which is Golos Ameriki.

Few Followers

The fakes are off to a slow start, with the fake VOA account collecting only 33 followers so far and the fake Radio Liberty account mustering only three fans. The real VOA Russian Service account has more than 188,000 followers, while the genuine RFE/RL Russian Service account has 108,000.

However, both fake accounts are tweeting a deceptive mixture of plausible tweets (with links back to real material on the sites of the Russian services of RFE/RL and VOA) and implausible ones with links to unprofessional pro-Russian propaganda sites spreading disinformation about the conflict in Ukraine and other issues.

In at least one case, a tweet from the fake RFE/RL account was used in a Russian-media story and passed off as information from RFE/RL's Russian Service.

Such deception is very likely the main purpose of the fake accounts.

Peter Pomerantsev, a former Russian television producer who has written a report on "how the Kremlin weaponizes information," told The New York Times on February 13 that the tactics the Kremlin and its supporters have developed are "not so much an information war, but a war on information."

The management of RFE/RL has complained to Twitter about the unauthorized use of its intellectual property.

Image: Logos from the fake (left) and real (right) @SvobodaRadio Twitter accounts (VOA Radiogram Feb 21 via Roger, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DXLD)

** RUSSIA [non]. 7570 & 15770, Tue Feb 24 at 2100, R. Spootnik via WRMI with 'From Russia with Love'; at 2123 wrapup, Vasily tries to give the times on WRMI, not this one, but incorrect 2130 Wednesday? 7570 & 15770 equally good on the G8 portable in medical office lobby (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RWANDA. Adventist World Radio, Box 29235, Indianapolis IN 46229 USA

ADVENTIST WORLD RADIO OFFERS SPECIAL QSL STAMP FOR KIGALI BROADCASTS

At the beginning of this current Transmission Period B14 October 6, 2014, Adventist World Radio began a relay service from the Deutsche Welle shortwave relay station near Kigali in Rwanda Africa. The AWR relay via DW Kigali is on the air for a total of 20 transmitter hours daily in three languages, French, Amharic & Fulfulde. In one particular time block, two transmitters carry the programming in parallel.

However, Deutsche Welle has subsequently announced that they plan to close their African relay station at the end of this current Transmission Period B14 March 28, 2015 and then dismantle the station. The last AWR broadcasts from DW Kigali will therefore also end at the same time.

For those who would like to receive a QSL card for these now short term broadcasts, AWR would welcome all reception reports from listeners in any part of the world. Each reception report will be verified with a QSL card (not an Email QSL), and the envelope will be affixed with genuine postage stamps, not postal labels. In addition, while supplies last, a special QSL stamp showing Kigali will be attached to the QSL card.

It is not necessary to send an off-air recording of your reception. We just need your honest reception report on paper. Where possible,

please enclose return postage in the form of currency notes in any international currency, or mint postage stamps. Please note that IRC coupons are too expensive for you to buy, and they are no longer valid in the United States. Also please enclose your address label.

The only address for the special Kigali QSL stamp is the Indianapolis address at:-

Adventist World Radio, Box 29235, Indianapolis, Indiana 46229, USA.

All reception reports, including all that have already been received, will be QSLed in due course. However, please be patient with us as we already hold uncounted hundreds of reception reports still pending, and it may take us many months to process them all.

The current AWR website shows the following scheduling for the daily Kigali transmissions:-

0600 - 0630 15700 French
0600 - 0630 17800 French
1700 - 1730 9490 Amharic
1930 - 2000 17800 Fulfulde
2000 - 2030 17800 French

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Adventist World Radio - Regular QSL Policy

Adventist World Radio welcomes reception reports from listeners in all countries. Please note the following items of information:-

* Each reception report should contain the following items of information

Date

Time, preferably expressed in International Radio Time, equivalent to UTC

Frequency in kHz

Sufficient program details to verify that you actually heard the AWR programming

Reports using SINPO Code preferred

* Reception reports by postal mail are preferred, though email is also acceptable.

* Where possible, please enclose return postage in the form of currency notes in any international currency, or mint postage stamps.

* Please note that IRC coupons are too expensive for you to buy, and they are no longer valid in the United States.

* Where possible, please enclose your address label.

* You will receive a full data QSL card, including location, through the postal system in response to your reception report.

* Several different QSL cards are available.

* The envelope will be affixed with regular postage stamps, not a postage label.

* AWR does not send out email QSLs.

* It is not necessary for you to send and resend the same reception report. All reception reports that we receive are verified with a regular full data QSL card.

* It is not necessary to send an off-air recording of your reception. We just need your honest reception report on paper.

* At times, there may be a delay before you receive your AWR QSL card. This is due to the large inflow of reception reports we receive from listeners in so many different countries.

* The regular postal address for reception reports is:-
Adventist World Radio
Box 29235
Indianapolis
Indiana 46229 USA

(Adrian Peterson, AWR, Feb 25, also via Bill Matthews, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

But will real postage stamps be on mail from real Rwanda? (gh, DXLD)

** SAINT LUCIA. I am acting, again this year, as the PR Director and QSL Manager for the second annual St. Lucia Independence Special Event put on by the J6 Portable Group.

We will be using the call: J64SLI / 36

We will commence operations on UT 21 Feb and cease operation on UT 23 Feb, 2015 (although we may be testing a few hours before beginning the actual event...)

Our QTH will be on the beach in St. Lucia, using numerous Buddipole arrays and various home-brew dipoles. The plan as present is to have at least four operating positions active at all times; but we will see how that goes.

We will be using various modes including CW, SSB, PSK-31 and RTTY and will operate as many bands as possible, depending as one would expect on solar conditions. Our St. Lucia Independence Spl Event is to be a solely QRP (5 Watts or less) event and will be operated using only solar power!

We will respond to both Amateur contacts and SWL reports. The requirements for direct confirmation are as follows:

USA: SASE needs to be included.

Europe (or elsewhere): An SAE and 2 US Dollars or 2 Euros are required or confirmation will be via the Bureau. Just a note here: we prefer no IRC's as they are difficult to get the Post Office to allow us to use them.

Address info is on a number of DX sites, like ARRL DX News etc. But, also on my QRZ page <http://www.qrz.com> and search for WB5Q. It is at the top of my page. As far as frequencies, we will use any allowable band that is open, so a search of the DX Clusters would find us quickly, I am sure. [such as dxsummit.fi --- just search on J6]

We look forward to many more contacts this year. I sincerely appreciate your help in getting the word out about our Special Event. 73 de (WB5Q / John Carson, Norman, OK, Feb 14, WORLD OF RADIO 1761, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

The dxsummit.fi site logs these frequencies for it today: 21272, 28495, 7155 (Glenn, 1651 UT Feb 21, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

21259.9-USB, Feb 21 at 1831, I am hearing J64SLI surprisingly well, considering it's 5 watts or less; unfortunately operating simplex so caller pileups are on the same frequency. Always uses official ICAO fonetix for call, and do not hear a /36 as some are reporting; that may be informally added occasionally. In next few minutes copy contacts with AC7CZ, N8BI, W7BC, K06E. I would give J64SLI a 5 & 6 on the PL-880 with random wire under the porch eaves (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 17705 and 17615, Both terrible Radio Riyadh outlets, even heard phone-in program by female[!] voice listener; seen 10x distorted audio spikes - each sideband - of exact 2100 Hertz distance apart each! (Wolfgang B,schel, Some noon Germany logs on Feb 20 at 1130-1255 UT slot, [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz], wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 20 via DXLD)

** SINGAPORE. 3915, BBCWS English from Kranji site, S=9+30dB -41dBm at 2250 UT on Feb 23. But surprisingly heard the same BBCWS program on - probably - spurious 4272 kHz before close-down at 2259 UT. Couldn't investigate further, whether signal occurs symmetrically also 357 kHz down on lower side on 3558 kHz. [Thailand location, selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Febr 24 via DXLD)

** SOLOMON ISLANDS. 5020.00 SIBC:
Feb 17 0759-0810, 35333, Pidgin, Music, IS and ID at 0800, News
Feb 21 0832-0846, 35443-45444, Pidgin, Talk and music, Theme sound at 0840 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALIA [non]. 17844.983, UAE Radio ERGO / IRIN from Al Dhabbaya relay site, towards Somalia target. Noted at 1253 UT on Feb 20 with

Horn of Africa music. S=9+5dB or -69dBm signal sidelobe into southern Germany. NOT JAMMED today by Somali digital white noise jammer {due of Muslim Friday break??}. (Wolfgang B, schel, Some noon Germany logs on Feb 20 at 1130-1255 UT slot, [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz], wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 20 via DXLD)

I was not aware Somalia did any such jamming. Ethiopia does, and there is a Somali speaking audience also in Ethiopia (gh, DXLD)

** SOMALIA [non]. February 18: Voice of Khaatumo, Codka Khaatumo in Somali to EaAf 1725 on 17580 Issoudun
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6wWPRe1PL4Q&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOMALILAND. 7120-, Feb 20 at 0327, open carrier with fair signal from R. Hargeisa, slightly on the lo side and not much QRhaM. 0331 music starts but just barely modulated; then turned up a little, military band presumably NA, but too late, cut to announcement at 0331.5, still undermodulated; 0333 Qur'an recognizable (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

SOMALIA, 7120, R. Hargeisa:

Feb 17 1850-1900*, 35333, Somali, Talk, ID at 1853 and 1858 and 1859, Closing music from 1859, 1900 sign off

Feb 21 1850-1901*, 35433-33433, Somali and Arabic?, Talk, ID at 1857 and 1859 and 1900, Closing music from 1900, 1901 sign off (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 15255, Channel Africa:

Feb 17 0557-0610, 25332, English, Music, 0600 Opening music, Opening announce, 0601 Theme music, News

Feb 18 0600-0615, 35333, English, Opening music, Opening announce, 0601 Theme music, News (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SOUTH AFRICA. 7285, Feb 20 at 0429, Sonder Grense with good signal in Afrikaans, apparent adstring, mentions ``50 Shades of Gray`` in English. Altho on until 07, it's normally faded down or out before 06. Now it's better than Channel Africa on 7230. There are zero SW broadcasts in Holl&ndisch per

<http://www.addx.de/cgi-bin/hfp.cgi>

but that doesn't include pirates or The Mighty KBC which mixes in some Dutch commercials with English programming. So for widely disseminated broadcasts, the legacy colonial language Afrikaans will have to do from SAUK. I wonder if dentro-Netherlanders have any trouble understanding it. (Then there's Frisian expected from the annual

÷^mrang broadcast, Sat Feb 21 at 16-17 on 15215 via Nauen.) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also LANGUAGE LESSONS

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 11580, Feb 22 at 1432, Brother Scare via WRMI, and QRM now is not CNR1 jamming against SOH as recently monitored, but just some digital noises, notably a series of descending tones, like a falling bomb or firework. No such problem on much stronger // 11825.

11580-, Feb 24 at 0106, the WRMI Brother Scare service again has that strange QRM I previously reported Feb 22 at 1432, a much different daypart: repeated descending tone. Now they are very regular every 3.5 seconds and lasting 3 seconds each before a pause. With BFO I discover that they apply to the lower sideband only, inaudible on the upper. I.e. another carrier repeatedly approaching 11580.0 from below causing descending het. When I tune to 11578 on USB, I hear the tones going upward. Nothing like this heard on other WRMI BS frequencies. I really don't think it is local; at least nothing like it noted elsewhere on the SW bands here.

7730, Feb 24 at 0112, Brother Scare is again playing clip of an extremely critical caller really putting him down, as ``a crazy old religious zealot, who tells you lies``, and much more. I've run across this before several times. Then BS can come on and play the martyr, accuse the caller of being blasphemous, etc., etc. // much stronger 7570, both via WRMI.

Further tuning finds BS on two WWRB transmitters at once, 5050 and 3185, at 0118 Feb 24, those running about one sesquisecond behind WRMIs (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SPAIN. 1755.0 kHz, 2337-2340* 14/2, Palma R, Palma de Mallorca. Weather report, 35342 (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, JRC NRD-545DSP & NRD-93; Quantum Phaser, home made amp.(W7IUV version); raised, 4 loop-K9AY, 6x19x6 m Ewe 135J, 14 m low noise LF/MF Vertical, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** SPAIN. REE no se aclara ---
Publicado el 20 febrero 2015 14:26 por EA4-0003

Tras la reuni n de la Plataforma en Defensa de la Onda Corta en Radio Exterior de Espa a, de la que forma parte la AER y de la que ya informamos, del pasado 3 de febrero, se entendieron dos cosas ---
Sigue leyendo ,
<http://aer.org.es/archivos/3668>

Un saludo cordial (Pedro Sedano, Madrid, COORDINADOR GENERAL,
ASOCIACI N ESPA OLA DE RADIOESCUCHA (AER), noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

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Que se desdoblar n en los siguientes d as las frecuencias de los fines de semana, una para cada mitad (4 horas)

Que se ajustar n las frecuencias con el cambio del periodo, el 28 de marzo, en general, pas ndolas a las bandas superiores

Pues bien, REE ha explicado porqu  todav a no se ha producido el desdoble de frecuencias en fin de semana que hab an prometido. Informan que tiene dos transmisores averiados y que son los que necesitan para ese desdoble. Al parecer, los tienen que enviar a EEUU por barco o avi n para su reparaci n, as  que ya veremos cu ndo se hace dicho desdoble; del que, por cierto, siguen sin informar de las nuevas 4 frecuencias que se usar n de 1500-1900 los s bados y domingos.

Por otro lado, desde la Plataforma se insiste en que es urgente ese desdoblamiento para garantizar la estabilidad de las emisiones durante los fines de semana.

Curiosamente, REE informa que ser  inminente el cambio de las frecuencias de entre semana y que no van a esperar al inicio del periodo A-15, el 28 de marzo. Pero, siguen sin darnos esas nuevas frecuencias que se usar n de 1900-2300 todos los d as de la semana.

En resumen, se esperan las frecuencias de ese nuevo esquema de emisiones en espa ol de REE que ser a as :

1500-1900 Los s bados y domingos, para Am rica del Norte, Am rica del Sur,  frica Occidental-Atl ntico Sur y Oriente Medio- ndico

1900-2300 Todos los d as, para Am rica del Norte, Am rica del Sur,  frica Occidental-Atl ntico Sur y Oriente Medio- ndico (via DXLD)

Excuse for delay is that two transmitters are out of order and will have to be sent to the USA by plane or boat for repairs! Wouldn't it be better to import technicians from the USA? Why in the world would they have to ship the whole transmitters back? (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

La flota lleva casi tres semanas sin las nuevas se ales en onda corta

prometidas por RTVE

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<http://aer.org.es/archivos/3682>

Radio Exterior alega que tuvo que reparar dos de sus transmisores para poder desdoblar la emisión los fines de semana -El sector tendrá que esperar hasta marzo para tener nuevas frecuencias

Faro de Vigo, Adrián Amoedo Vigo 22.02.2015 | 04:55

La Corporación RTVE todavía no ha mejorado las frecuencias para la onda corta de Radio Exterior de España (REE) durante el fin de semana como prometió tras la última reunión mantenida el pasado día 3 con la plataforma que defiende las emisiones. Casi tres semanas lleva la flota con la misma cobertura irregular que los mantiene desconectados a ratos y descontentos por su calidad, lo que hizo que llegasen a exigir una optimización de estas frecuencias que, en un principio, fue escuchada por la Corporación. Sin embargo, RTVE alega una irrazón tecnológica a este retraso. Y es que según el propio director de REE, Antonio Szigriszt, es necesaria una actualización de dos de los transmisores que se encuentran en el centro de Noblejas (Toledo), desde donde se emite REE.

Pero por las palabras de Szigriszt, la solución no es precisamente barata. Tenemos que enviar los transmisores, que cuestan de por sí más de un millón de euros, a los Estados Unidos. Allí tendrá que sufrir un cambio de válvulas y el coste total de la reparación de ambos es de más de 50.000 dólares, indicó. El objetivo de esta operación es preparar los dispositivos para adaptarse a las nuevas frecuencias, con lo que la flota tendrá que esperar con toda seguridad hasta marzo para poder tener una mejora en las emisiones. El coste será a cargo del presupuesto de renovación tecnológica de RTVE.

Por otro lado, sobre las quejas por parte del sector pesquero publicadas por FARO a finales de enero en las que pedían frecuencias más altas al no recibir correctamente la señal, el director de REE explica la onda corta jamás ha tenido una transmisión homogénea, ya que varía con el tiempo.

Szigriszt apunta que por este motivo se utilizan frecuencias más bajas para el invierno, como las actuales (situadas entre los 9.620 y 12.030, dependiendo de la zona del globo), y otras más altas para el verano.

(Ö)

La próxima semana habrá novedades, sentencia Szigriszt, que se mantiene en todo momento en contacto con la Plataforma en Defensa de la Onda Corta.

Nuevas quejas

Por otro lado, nuevas quejas han surgido en torno a esta falta de movimiento. En este caso, provienen de la Asociación Española de Radioescucha (AER), miembro de la Plataforma, que critica a través de su página web que la Corporación no se aclara y que sigue sin informar de las nuevas 4 frecuencias que se usarán de 1500-1900 los sábados y domingos.

(Pedro Sedano, Madrid, España, COORDINADOR GENERAL, ASOCIACIÓN ESPAÑOLA DE RADIOESCUCHA (AER) Feb 22, noticias dx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DXLD)

Primeros cambios de frecuencias en REE

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La Plataforma en Defensa de la Onda Corta en Radio Exterior de España, de la que la AER es cofundadora, anuncia que los dos transmisores, según REE, ya están enviados a los fabricantes de los transmisores en EEUU (Ö) y que para cambiar las frecuencias, hay que cambiar postes transmisores y orientar correctamente los emisores. Además, añaden que realmente tienen la voluntad de cambiar las frecuencias y de emitir con la mejor calidad posible teniendo en cuenta los recortes.

Así pues, este viernes 27.02.2015 cambiarán la frecuencia de 11685 a 17755 y la de 11940 a 17715, por lo que el esquema provisional de transmisiones quedaría como sigue:

1900 a 2300 Lunes a Viernes

- a.. 17755 África occidental y Atlántico sur
- b.. 17715 América del sur
- c.. 9620 América del norte
- d.. 12030 Oriente medio e Índico

1500 a 2300 Sábados y domingos:

- a.. 17755 África occidental y Atlántico sur
- b.. 17715 América del sur
- c.. 9620 América del norte
- d.. 12030 Oriente medio e Índico

El desdoble del fin de semana no será posible hasta que vuelvan los transmisores de EEUU así que ahora intentarán hacer una adaptación subiendo un poco la frecuencia utilizada. En estos momentos están los técnicos en Noblejas y cuanto vuelvan, podremos informar cómo se dejan provisionalmente las frecuencias de fin de semana.

Como es lógico, rogamos a todos los radioescuchas, especialmente a los

americanos, que nos informen de cómo llegan estas nuevas frecuencias:
general@aer.org.es (AER, Feb 25, noticiasdx yg via DXLD)

** SPAIN. Re: SPAIN: Arganda del Rey - 3D View --- MW 1359 kHz 600 kW
RNE in DRM mode from Arganda was heard at least til summer/autumn
2011. From 2005 year onwards. SW start 15 March 1942.
<http://www.radioworld.com/article/radio-exterior-de-espa0a-abandona-la-oc/273561>
<https://lagalenadelsur.wordpress.com/2012/03/15/2012-15-de-marzo-70-anos-de-radio-exterior-de-espana/>

see the photo of revolving log-periodic antennas - home of some birds
now - in Arganda del Rey
<http://satdigital.mforos.com/132607/7539080-rne-en-1359/?pag=2>
<http://satdigital.mforos.com/132607/7539080-rne-en-1359/?pag=1>
<http://ret0019c.eresmas.net/ArgLogCig.jpg>

see SW revolving antennas in background
<http://ret0019c.eresmas.net/ArgLog2.jpg>

Arganda was also TX site for jamming purposes against
- Radio Espa0a Independiente
{Spanish Communist Party Komintern stn} from Saftica-ROU Romania.
- and anti-Basque [sic] Radio Euzkadi too {even in 2002 to 2004 year
too}. (Wolfgang B,schel, Feb 19, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** SRI LANKA. 11905, Feb 21 at 0114, usual big open carrier from SLBC,
music prElude from 0114:46.5, and timesignal ending at 0115:11.5 with
only 3 pips, the first ones missing.

11905, Feb 24 at 0114:37, musical prElude starts, mistimesignal ends
at 0115:19, and SLBC sign-on. Good level but heavy flutter as usual.
Once again the MTS has only three pips (2+1) (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. 7205, Sudan R., Khartoum at 0325 with M in Arabic, Kor'an
readings, then W in Arabic followed by short instrumental pieces
introducing a popular program of some sort. Good-Excellent with
minimal fading (John Figliozzi, Sarasota, FL, Eton E1-XM, Apex 303WA-2
Antenna, Feb 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7205, Radio Omdurman, 0335-0420*, Feb 19. Man announcer with Arabic
language talks hosting a music program with great vocal selections. ID
at 0359 followed by time pips another ID and news. Quick announcement
at 0420 before carrier was terminated. Good signal (Rich D'Angelo,
Wyomissing, PA 19610, Ten-Tec RX-340, Drake R-8B, Eton E1, Eton E5,
Alpha Delta DX Sloper, RF Systems Mini-Windom, Datong FL3, JPS ANC-4,
NASWA Flashsheet Feb 22 via DXLD)

7205, Feb 20 at 0332, very poor signal with QRM, presumably R. Omdurman ex-7200 as reported by Don Hosmer, MI, MARE, on Feb 12. I had heard it much better when on 7200 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Frequency change of Radio Omdurman Sudan:

0215-0430 7205 ALF 100 kW / 210 deg to CeAf Arabic, ex 7200

1430-1530 7205#ALF 100 kW / 210 deg to CeAf Arabic, ex 7200, 1 video on Feb 23

1930-2100 7205*ALF 100 kW / 210 deg to CeAf Arabic, ex 7200, 3 videos on Feb 21

co-ch PBS Xinjiang in Uyghur

* co-ch RFI in French from 2000

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=omBhTsaTCh4&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UT9pTqyl6CI&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=27ywpilzb0E&feature=youtu.be>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y6FIV1_ZVEk&feature=youtu.be

(DX RE MIX NEWS #897 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Feb. 23, 2015 via DXLD)

9505, Feb 24 at 0617, very poor signal with music and talk, some pulse QRM, presumed the sporadic V. of Africa service in Tigrinya, 110 degrees toward Ethiopia. Also scheduled for English at 0800-0900 & 1730-1830 when I don't hear it any better (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN [and non]. 15550, Feb 19 at 1537, Sudanese tone jammer is JBA here under R. Dabanga via VATICAN and WJHR USB FL. So jammer no longer way off on 15560 or previous 15555. Time for SMG to jump its frequency again.

15550, Feb 23 at 1532, tone jammer is JBA under R. Dabanga via VATICAN, and WJHR-USB via Milton FL making an unholy mess all by themselves; so time for a Dabanga jump? The Sudanese jammers don't bother with R. Tamazuji which precedes it; why? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SURINAME [and non]. CHINA, Checked again this 4990 channel. German Perseus user checked these three possible radio stn channel past nights. Footprints so far observed, Hunan CHN is always on even 4990, Suriname on 4989.988, and AIR Itanagar on 4989.996v kHz (Wolfgang B_schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Febr 24 via DXLD)

** SWAZILAND. 4775, Feb 20 at 0340, TWR music-box IS stands out against the CODAR, even tho at poor signal level; 0342 into talk in presumed Lomwe as scheduled daily for 16 more minutes, 50 kW at 3 degrees azimuth. (BTW I'm hearing nothing from Djibouti on 4780 --- is it really active?)(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWEDEN. Radio Revival Sweden update
Saturday, February 28 2015:
1200-1300 UTC SDXF Sveriges DX-F^rbund
1300-1500 UTC Radio Merkurs
<http://radiorevivalsweden.blogspot.se/p/schedules.html>
73s (via Tom Taylor, Feb 20, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. New Pilot show from PCJ
<http://pcjmedia.com/component/content/article/1-latest-news/150-new-pilot-show-from-pcj>

Hi Friends, Just the other day when someone from the secret service was going through my archives they came across a PCJ pilot show that never aired. A few years back we had the idea to bring together 4 names in international broadcasting for a new series of show. But from the start there was a problem. First the name of the show. No one could agree!

SWLMEDIADXERSNETWORKDIGESTWORLDUNLIMITEDOFRADIO. The show was produced and presented by Ian McFarland, Jonathan Marks. With a special open forum chat about radio between Glenn Hauser and Arnie Coro.

Please note this is only a parody. I have great respect for these men and the contribute they made to broadcasting

Click here to listen or download
http://www.radio4all.net/files/kperron@gmail.com/3101-1-SW_Parody.mp3
(via gh, DXLD)

** TAIWAN [and non]. 7445, ROC, RTI, 2/22, 1230. Clearly heard under the CNR1 broadcast used to jam the Chinese service of RTI.

7445, RTI, 2/23, 1130. W with segment on Chinese New Year. Good!(Rick Barton, (far north) Peoria AZ, listening from my tent by the lake, Grundig Satellit 750, 20' wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) No CNR1 jamming at this time? (gh)

** TAIWAN. Changes of clandestine broadcasts:
Praise Music Ministries, ex UNIDidentified
2100-2130 on 7530 TSH 100 kW / 250 deg to EaAs Chinese/Hakka
(Ivo Ivanov, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DXLD)

** TAJIKISTAN. 4765.054, Tajik R1 from Dushanbe Yangi Yul site, poet reading and string instrument at daily morning program opening at 2359 UT Febr 20. S=6 or -85dBm signal strength. Heard on Colombo Sri Lanka remote SDR unit at Victor's place in Piliyandala. [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] vy73 de (Wolfgang DF5SX

Bueschel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4765.05, Tajik R., Feb 21 1306-1316, 35343, Tajik, Talk, ID at 1310 and 1314 (Kouji Hashimoto, JAPAN, RX, IC-R75, NRD-525+RD-9830, NRD-345, Satellit 750, DE-1121; ANT, 130m Sloper Wire, 303WA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** THAILAND. 9390, Feb 20 at 1358, fair signal better than adjacent 9395 Global 24, choral music, probably the national anthem:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BrcGzLIEsAU>
but 1359 cut off for antenna change of HSK9, R. Thailand. Back on by 1400, with more flutter, for English news right away, no bells or formal sign-on (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TIBET [and non]. CHINA, The engineer at Lhasa Baiding site #602 checked the 4920 kHz unit already at 2020 UT (usual program start time is later at 2050 UT).

But the other 4820 kHz unit from same location is scheduled on air 20-18 UT in Chinese, S=9+25dB or -48dBm, in broadband range 4812.1 to 4827.9 kHz at 2025 UT.

Another CNR1 Chinese station at same time from Geermu-Golmud on 4800 kHz is not so strong though, only S=9+5dB in range 4790.2 to 4809.8 kHz (Wolfgang B.schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. Re: BBC upgrades Radio 3 internet stream following complaints

There are several BBC high quality 320 kbps streams now. BBC Radio 3 on Radioplayer now defaults to the high quality stream, the others are listed here. Eventually all BBC local radio streams will have stereo audio.

UK Radio Stations webcasting in AAC+ (HLS), Ogg Vorbis, Opus and RealPlayer formats
<http://www.radiofeeds.co.uk/other.asp>

UK Radio Stations webcasting in AAC+ (HLS), Ogg Vorbis, ...
The Internet's most up-to-date list of live links for UK radio stations simultaneously broadcasting on the web. Covering United Kingdom radio stations

I found VLC which is suggested unstable on Windows 8.1 with the high quality streams so uninstalled it. Someone on Digital Spy said the same about VLC on Windows 7. Following a suggestion there I installed Media Player Classic instead which is so far working fine.

There have been 3 posts about the changes to BBC streaming, and comments on those posts, on the BBC Internet blog, posts are titled

Audio Factory.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/blogs/internet>

Staff from the BBC's online and technology teams talk about BBC Online, BBC iPlayer, BBC Red Button and the BBC's digital and mobile services (Mike Barraclough, Feb 20, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** U K. BBC LICENCE FEE 'HARDER TO JUSTIFY'

Press Association Press Association - 1 hour 20 minutes ago

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/bbc-licence-fee-harder-justify-001200889.html>

* Committee chair John Whittingdale said the BBC had "suffered from a succession of disasters of its own making" View Photo [captions]

Press Association - Committee chair John Whittingdale said the BBC had "suffered from a succession of disasters of its own making"

The BBC licence fee is becoming "harder and harder to justify", a committee of MPs has said.

The corporations' governing body - the BBC Trust - and its chair Rona Fairhead also came under fire from parliamentarians.

The Commons Culture, Media and Sport Committee called for the trust - which has "failed to meet expectations" - to be abolished, in its report on the future of the corporation.

Hours before the publication of the report, the chair of the Public Accounts Committee Margaret Hodge used a hearing about the BBC's buildings to highlight "question marks" about the role of Ms Fairhead at the corporation after allegations HSBC's Swiss branch helped wealthy customers dodge tax.

Ms Fairhead - a member of the bank's board since 2004 - took over at the trust after Lord Patten stood down last year.

Ms Hodge said: " There are clearly question marks arising about her role", adding that the HSBC allegations "raise issues that somebody should be looking at" at the BBC.

The Culture, Media and Sport Committee report called for a slimmed-down BBC, saying it should "reduce" its content in over-served areas or where its "public service characteristics" were "marginal".

"The BBC must make the most effective use of licence fee payers' money and should not be trying to do everything itself.

"The BBC needs to be able to make bigger, braver decisions on its

strategy and inevitably must do less in some areas."

The committee recommended an end to "anachronistic" criminal penalties for non-payment of the licence fee, saying non-payment should be pursued through civil courts.

It said in the short-term there was no better alternative to the licence fee, currently set at -L-145.50, but that a German-style levy on all households, regardless of whether or not people watched live television, was its "preferred alternative".

As a minimum, it said the licence fee - which was not currently required to watch iPlayer - must be amended to cover "catch-up television as soon as possible".

The report said: "We believe that the forthcoming round of charter review should not rush profound changes such as the abolition of the licence fee model but the BBC must prepare for the possibility of a change in the 2020s.

"We recommend that as a minimum the licence fee must be amended to cover catch-up television as soon as possible."

The report said "public trust in the BBC dipped" as a result of recent controversies including "excessive severance payments" which saw George Entwistle receive -L-450,000 despite only 54 days as director general, the -L-100 million failed Digital Media Initiative, the Jimmy Savile scandal and a Newsnight investigation that led to the late Lord McAlpine being wrongly accused of child abuse.

Committee chair John Whittingdale said the BBC had "suffered from a succession of disasters of its own making" over recent years but it "remains a widely admired and trusted institution".

He said: "In the short-term, there appears to be no realistic alternative to the licence fee, but that model is becoming harder and harder to justify and sustain."

He added: "The BBC has tried for too long to be all things to all people - with the rapid changes in communication and media technology and markets and changing audience needs and behaviours, this no longer works."

He said the trust "has failed to meet expectations and should be abolished" saying it was "too close" to the BBC and blurred "accountability".

The committee praised BBC children's output, saying without the

corporation "many younger people would have to rely largely on a diet of acquired US television programmes".

On BBC3, which the corporation wants to move online, the MPs said it was "right that the BBC Executive is considering alternative ways to reach BBC3's target audience".

The committee praised the broadcaster for making savings without denting audience appreciation of its services, but said it needed to be "bold and upfront" about further cuts and it "should aim to be a better, more transparent, self-critic."

It also recommended watchdog Ofcom become the final arbiter of complaints over BBC content.

A BBC spokesman said: "This report confirms the importance of the BBC in national life and recommends maintaining and modernising the licence fee, something we have said is necessary.

"We're grateful to the committee for endorsing our record for efficiency and maintaining the quality of programmes and services, and note members overwhelmingly voted against moving to a subscription funding model."

But Professor Steven Barnett, who gave evidence to the committee, criticised the report, saying that the recommendations would damage the BBC.

He criticised the recommendation for an independent Public Service Broadcasting Commission (PSBC) to replace the BBC Trust, assess BBC performance, determine the level of public funding allocated to the BBC and withhold funding as an "ultimate sanction".

"The ultimate aim of this report appears to be a smaller, poorer, less publicly attuned BBC which will simply be filling in the spaces left by commercial competitors, rather than a thriving and dynamic institution which serves its audiences and operates in the public interest.

"It seems to be aimed more at appeasing the BBC's competitors than promoting the interests of consumers and citizens," the professor of communications at the University of Westminster said.

A BBC Trust spokeswoman said: "This report highlights a number of issues and challenges that the Trust recognises and that we are seeking to address, and we agree that there must be robust internal governance and independent regulatory oversight of the BBC.

"Charter Review will be when this and other issues are debated thoroughly, but we welcome this thoughtful and considered early contribution.

"In the meantime, the Trust will continue to argue for a BBC that delivers accurate, independent and high- quality content that provides something for everyone, underpinned by a universal funding model."
(via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** U K. BBC BROADCASTERS 'ABUSED POSITION'

Press Association Press Association - 8 hours ago

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/bbc-broadcasters-abused-position-145513661.html>

* Malcolm Muggeridge was a groper, it has been claimed - View Photo

Renowned BBC broadcasters Huw Wheldon and Malcolm Muggeridge were both "groper", an historian has claimed [captions]

Professor Jean Seaton said powerful men at the corporation in the 1970s and 80s "abused their position" and one unnamed man in a "position of authority was known to proposition younger women, especially secretaries, for spanking sessions".

Prof Seaton spoke with women who worked at the BBC during the period for her book, *Pinkoes And Traitors: The BBC And The Nation 1974-1987*, and said even "the great Huw Wheldon and the apparently saintly Malcolm Muggeridge both groped incontinently".

Wheldon, who died in 1986, was a D-day war hero and founded the first TV arts programme *Monitor* in 1958, while Muggeridge, the renowned author, media personality, and satirist, died in 1990.

Prof Seaton told *The Guardian*: "Huw Wheldon - a great public service broadcaster, and Malcolm Muggeridge, the anguished voice of dissent of the time - were both groper.

"Of course so were many other men in most other British institutions then. The term 'sexual harassment' did not even exist to identify the problem until a bunch of academic feminists coined the term in 1974.

"Of course nothing excuses the behaviour, but the middle class, aspirant women who were transforming the BBC in the 1970s and 1980s were not damaged by it. Indeed they were on a crusade to stop it."

Prof Seaton's book comes ahead of the publication of Dame Janet Smith's review, which is looking at the culture and practices of the BBC during the years that Jimmy Savile worked there.

Savile, a Radio 1 DJ who also presented the BBC's Top Of The Pops and Jim'll Fix It, died aged 84 in October 2011 - a year before allegations that he had sexually abused children were broadcast in ITV documentary Exposure: The Other Side Of Jimmy Savile.

It is clear in Prof Seaton's book that none of those she mentions were alleged to be child abusers (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** U S A. February 16:

Time Signal station WWV Colorado 1517 on 25 MHz Fort Collins
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBp3l8vgReE&feature=youtu.be>

Time Signal station WWV Colorado 1526 on 20 MHz Fort Collins
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z1Gq5u0K3vE&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 25910/FM, WQGY434, KLDE Eldorado TX, 104.9 FM studio relay; 2119-2130+, 17-Feb; Not-too-oldies; spot for the Sonora Medical Clinic; relay call ID under music at BoH. VGood peaks with sratchy QSBs; // 25990/FM with good peaks (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 25950/FM, KB99696, KTCL-FM, Wheat Ridge CO studio relay (presumed); 1912-1922, 16 Feb; Tunes & ads--nothing definitive heard. In/out with some fair peaks and nothing after 1922; occasional whistles and hums during off times, like someone dial twiddling (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 26110/FM, KMK282, KQVR-TV Sacramento CA studio relay; 1526-1534+, 16-Feb; Usual chit-chatty M&W, "Live from across the valley... Good Day"; 1529 break to DA for about 30 seconds, then off; 1531+ back into local news. Good peaks with scratchy QSBs. Missing at 1911 recheck; suspect this is only used during the morning Good Day program (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. BBG WELCOMES NEW CEO, REVIEWS VOA OPERATIONS

Broadcasting Board of Governors press release February 18, 2015

<http://www.bbg.gov/blog/2015/02/18/bbg-welcomes-new-ceo-reviews-voa-operations/>

WASHINGTON --- The Broadcasting Board of Governors met [Wednesday] at its Washington, D.C. headquarters and welcomed for the first time Andrew Lack, who joined as CEO and Director in January 2015.

"I feel really good about where we are headed," said Chairman Jeff Shell, remarking on the newest board members and the arrival of Andrew Lack as CEO. "Our new board members each bring their own expertise, and Andy is an icon in the news business who understands the essence of what we do the content."

Shell also welcomed Ambassador Karen Kornbluh to her first official meeting of the BBG. Kornbluh was sworn in after the Board's December 17 meeting and succeeds Governor Michael Meehan. The board today adopted a resolution honoring his service to the agency.

Along with other threats to BBG journalists, the board discussed troubling developments in Azerbaijan. On December 26, Azerbaijani police raided and closed the RFE/RL Bureau in Baku. On February 13, new charges were brought against Khadija Ismayilova, an investigative journalist and RFE/RL contributor, who remains jailed in pre-trial detention and if convicted could receive a maximum sentence of 12 years in prison. RFE/RL's bureau remains closed, its accounts frozen, and several Baku staff members have left Azerbaijan.

"While Khadija demonstrates fierce resolve, we are deeply concerned and outraged by the Azerbaijani government's flagrant assaults on press freedom," Shell said.

Discussing the challenges BBG journalists face in the field, BBG CEO Andrew Lack shared observations from his trip with BBG Governor Ken Weinstein to Kiev and Prague. Lack described "the strong work being done by our people in the field," and praised the "exemplary collaboration between RFE/RL and VOA in covering Ukraine."

In addition to board business, the Voice of America gave a presentation on its activities and accomplishments in the past year. VOA Director David Ensor, along with journalists from the Kurdish, Persian, Spanish, Ukrainian, and English services as well as digital media, demonstrated how the network is expanding social media engagement and mobile distribution, responding to information crises in West Africa, Ukraine and Russia, and expanding its successful affiliate model in Latin America and elsewhere.

A recording of the meeting, as well as documents related to board decisions is available here:
<http://www.bbg.gov/blog/2014/12/19/board-meeting-february-18-2015/>
(via VOA Radiogram via Roger, dxldyg via DXLD) See also RUSSIA!

** U S A. BBG Watch Commentary
All views expressed are those of the author.

One Year Later -- Dysfunction, News Failures, Self-Promotion and

Pandering at the Voice of America

PART II: MIXING ADVOCACY WITH NEWS REPORTING

Should VOA reporters inject themselves into a story?

By Dan Robinson

<http://bbgwatch.com/bbgwatch/opinion-dan-robinson-mixing-advocacy-news-reporting-voice-america/>

Unfortunately, a prodigious level of pandering and self-promotion is also observed below the level of VOA director, in social media and other activities of certain reporters.

This raises important questions that would and should be debated publicly if VOA were not so off the radar from public scrutiny, questions that should not simply be swept under the carpet by the new BBG CEO, Andy Lack, who considers himself a journalist, not just a media management executive.

It's not clear whether VOA officials recognize the dangers, or if they care. If they did, they would make sure, and fast, that the people involved in the matters described here understand why they shouldn't be doing what they're doing.

In 2014, while covering Vice President Joe Biden's visit to Ukraine, respected VOA Ukrainian Service TV personality, Myroslava Gongadze, used her Facebook page for what former and some current VOA reporters called blatant mixing of political activism into reporting.

Among numerous posts, she displayed video of Biden exiting his SUV to visit a monument to the fallen of the Orange revolution in 2004 and 2005. Gongadze's husband, Georgiy, was an investigative journalist who was kidnapped and murdered several years before, in 2000.

Observing the video, the impression one gets is that the VOA reporter was selected well ahead of Biden's stop at the monument. He exits the SUV, Gongadze quickly joins him, and they walk arm-in-arm to the monument.

For security reasons alone, her role with Biden would normally would be coordinated and cleared in advance with the Secret Service, which had kept Biden away from what news reports described as an "angry crowd" at another point during the visit.

At other points on the Biden trip, which also included Morocco and Turkey, Gongadze posted photos of herself posing with a Secret Service

agent and editorialized about Biden being "a good man", lamenting that he had not had a "good day" because he had to dodge an angry mob near another memorial site in Kiev.

Other posts promoted the group "Friends of Ukraine" which was lobbying Congress to approve aid to Ukraine's government. One photo pictured her draped in a Ukrainian flag.

No journalist -- whether covering a high-level official or an event -- should inject themselves into a story in which they have a vested interest, or depend on instructions from managers to know that avoiding such an impression is important.

When I, and two other former VOA correspondents raised the issue, on the influential BBG Watch site, and on my personal Facebook page, we were attacked by current and former agency employees, though others understood the point we made.

A former head of VOA's Public Relations office assailed critics of this activism-cum-journalism as endorsing "journalistic rape". Another current employee said: "There is a certain amount of promotion that's necessary in developing, engaging, and maintaining a popular news program with a big audience."

Former VOA intelligence and foreign correspondent Gary Thomas observed that, Gongadze "deserves our sympathy and our admiration [but]. . . engaging in advocacy . . . taints news coverage, no matter how well-meaning and noble the cause may be."

Thomas pointed to VOA's Standards and Practices guidance:

"VOA journalists are also reminded they should not use their professional affiliation with VOA to advocate for political or social causes and when speaking to outside groups, they should refrain from taking sides on public issues. . . staff members should not march or rally in support of public causes or movements or sign advertisements or petitions taking a position on public issues, domestic or foreign..."

. . . and the Society of Professional Journalists revised Code of Ethics:

"Journalists should avoid conflicts of interest, real or perceived. (They should) disclose unavoidable conflicts (and) refuse gifts, favors, fees, free travel and special treatment, and avoid political and other outside activities that may compromise integrity or impartiality, or may damage credibility."

Another former senior VOA correspondent said "VOA journalists should not be props in political photo ops by US (or other) politicians, or accept medals from one side or another in a civil war. I would have run like hell away from any situation like that."

Our concerns were shared, though half-heartedly it seemed, by BBG Watch. Ted Lipien had praised Gongadze for taking a leading role in social media outreach. VOA managers, he insisted, apparently failed to brief her about what was acceptable, or not, to post on social media.

The BBG (a nine-member bipartisan board created in the 1990's to oversee all U.S. overseas broadcasting, with the Secretary of State serving in an ex officio role) lost no time joining in celebrating Gongadze's status and visibility. During one of its sessions, Ukraine's ambassador presented Gongadze with an award from the government in Kiev.

Newly-installed BBG CEO Andy Lack, who has had high praise for Gongadze's connections and popularity and was with her in Ukraine during Secretary of State Kerry's January visit, had a smartphone photo taken with her.

After I contacted a VOA official, who formerly headed VOA's newsroom and plays a role in overseeing adherence to standards for Internet and social media, about the propriety of Gongadze's Biden trip posts, all but one of them disappeared.

Gongadze has not made any on-the-record comment about the controversy. She continued a level of self-promotion on her Facebook page, posting a photo of herself with State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki during Secretary Kerry's visit to Kiev.

There was no discussion of the issue during a BBG session on February 18th, during which board members viewed a video presentation highlighting VOA reporting on events in Ukraine.

Questions about the mixing of advocacy with journalism also arose involving other VOA reporters, including one who promoted participation in a "State Department project."

An October 28th BBG news release identified this as "data journalism workshops for journalists and journalism students" in Macedonia. Later, the reporter also used his page to voice support for journalists who were under pressure in Macedonia.

Another example from 2014 raised questions about the extent to which officials of BBG, IBB, and VOA are encouraging VOA reporters promote themselves as activists, or perhaps choosing to exert no oversight.

On August 15th, the NBC program "Press Pass" -- hosted that day by Kelly O'Donnell -- highlighted a VOA reporter on the plight of the Yazidi people in Iraq
<http://www.nbcnews.com/storyline/iraq-turmoil/yazidi-activist-people-are-facing-genocide-iraq-n181831>

The chyron read: "Voice of America journalist and Yazidi activist Dakhil Shammo on the situation in Iraq between Yazidi faithful and ISIS militants."

During the interview with O'Donnell, the VOA reporter spoke about having been part of a delegation of Yazidi activists that visited the White House and State Department, advising the Obama administration regarding the situation in Iraq.

As sympathetic as the world continues to be to the plight of various segments of Iraq's population, this was another example of VOA reporters pushing the envelope of activism-cum-journalism.

It's not clear how many of these appearances take place, how the approval process works and what role senior VOA and other officials have. For a federal agency (again, which Ensor has called a news company), and its public relations machine, these are considered home runs.

Activism-cum-journalism at VOA has generated concerns among some reporters in the agency who usually seek to avoid the appearance of, or actual, conflicts of interest.

"Believe me, there has been a slippery slope in this area for a long time," said one correspondent in VOA's central newsroom after being contacted about one of the examples above.

One senior VOA editor raised the Yazidi issue with managers, saying: "I wouldn't be so naive as to think that people from VOA services have not been lobbying the government in the past for their particular ethnic specialties, but this trumpeting of his background as a "journalist" gives a new definition of the word."

Attention was also drawn to the matter of BBG and VOA paying a few outside part-time writers to provide commentaries on various subjects, that are then posted on VOA's main English website.

Several years ago, as part of efforts by the VOA English web operation to gain more online traction, a decision was made to begin posting articles labeled as a "column."

Initially, these did not contain a full explanation of who the writer was, or make clear that they did not reflect the views of the U.S. government, or VOA. Some lacked bylines altogether, containing only a bio at the end of the article.

I personally began to protest this practice to the management of both VOA's central newsroom, and to the then editor in charge of the English web desk, pointing out that use of the term "column" was unclear, to say the least.

The commentaries continued to run and became more numerous, and have brought criticism from current and former VOA journalists.

A reporter who files for VOA from overseas said: "I'm noticing, in addition, that there is more "commentary" being slipped onto the website in the guise of "news. [including pieces by journalist] Barbara Slavin. If the management wants to label her "editorials" as such, that's fine by me, but not without such a caveat."

Indeed, it's still not known what financial arrangements VOA has made with Slavin, who writes primarily on Mideast/Iran issues, and others whose opinions appear on VOA's front page.

In a comment posted on BBG Watch, a former VOA correspondent wrote:

"I personally am opposed to editorials and opinion columns such as Slavin's, on VOA. It may be fine for a privately owned news organization to have editorials, but I think they make it harder for VOA to gain the trust of its audience that its reporting is objective."

Managers of VOA's newsroom and other officials can (and did at times) dismiss such concerns. But it was apparent that questions raised in BBG Watch and elsewhere, including reactions by American readers if VOA's site, to some of the pieces, had some impact. Two such comments read:

"Alan G. from: North Carolina

January 15, 2015 04:34

How is this column objective? It is embarrassing that VOA published this. Journalism has gone so downhill.

Thomas Rodrick from: Amherst, NY

January 16, 2015 03:06

This is outrageous. Do American taxpayers pay for this content? It is anti-American."

Another comment raised a question of bias:

". . .u curiously leave out the reasons why Bibi & most of Israel feel threatened by Iran. With their daily threats to WIPE Israel OUT, & Having fomented multiple bands of lethal terrorists @ its borders, with masses of rockets at their ready; Iran is well advanced into their clearly articulated diabolical m.o. The US has already failed in preventing the second worst rough state on the planet namely N. Korea from going nuclear. Israel will not stand by as the worst one jauntily tries slipping by as well. Slavenly or not, ducking barbs or absorbing them, by way of bombs or bombast, BIBI will not be snookered by imbeciles of VOA's ilk, into submission! "

The VOA website still carries bylined articles by Slavin, and others. But there is no information immediately at the top of each piece identifying relationships with VOA.

The reader must wait until the end where it's explained that, in Slavin's case, she is a "senior fellow at the Atlantic Council's South Asia Center and a correspondent for Al-Monitor.com, a website specializing in the Middle East. . ." as well as a "regular commentator" for VOA, NPR, PBS, and C-SPAN.

However, in a clear indication that criticisms have had an effect, what were labeled "Columns" are now labeled "Opinions," and at least some of her newest articles (not all) even started to carry a disclaimer: "The views and opinions expressed are those of the author and do not necessarily reflect the position of Voice of America."

PART III: A LOOK ACROSS THE TERRAIN . . . DECEPTIVE PRACTICES

Let's survey the terrain roughly a year after the controversy erupted over H.R. 4490, the House-passed bill that proponents said is critical to lasting reform of U.S. international broadcasting/media, but which opponents assert will destroy journalism at VOA.

The bill had Democratic and Republican support on Capitol Hill, in large part triggered by a record of mismanagement, and according to inspector general reports, illegality at BBG.

Keep checking BBG Watch for PART III: A LOOK ACROSS THE TERRAIN . . . DECEPTIVE PRACTICES by Dan Robinson.

READ: PART I: Looking Back: Lack of Accountability, Continuing Maximum Hubris, and Facing Realities
(BBG Watch via Mike Cooper, WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DXLD)

ADMINISTRATION FY 2016 BUDGET REQUEST FOR BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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Broadcasting Board of Governors
BBG FY 2016 Budget Request

BBGWatcher February 24, 2015

<http://bbgwatch.com/bbgwatch/administration-fy-2016-budget-request-broadcasting-board-governors/>

Obama Administration FY 2016 budget document for the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) talks about "supporting current foreign policy priorities."

Such language from the Obama White House and the State Department is not likely to please some senior Voice of America (VOA) English newsroom correspondents who had strongly objected to somewhat similar wording included in the proposed 2014 bipartisan Royce-Engel H.R. 4490 bill to reform the BBG. The bill was passed unanimously by the House of

Representatives but died in the U.S. Senate. SEE: "Op-Ed Back off, Congress, and keep Voice of America real" by Al Pessin, The Los Angeles Times, June 2, 2014. Other VOA journalists, particularly those working in foreign language services, were supportive of the bill and its proposed management reforms.

FY 2016 State Department Budget Request includes the following justification (see below) for the FY 2016 budget request for the Broadcasting Board of Governors. FY 2016 Budget Request for the BBG is on page 57 of the State Department document.

The Administration's FY 2016 budget request for BBG of \$751 million represents a \$9.4 million increase over the FY 2015 budget estimate of \$742 million. The actual FY 2014 BBG budget was \$733 million.

The Obama Administration seems to be determined to de-federalize the Office of Cuba Broadcasting (OCB), currently a federal entity within the Broadcasting Board of Governors composed of Radio and TV Marti.

The following sentence is found at the end of the State Department's FY 2016 budget justification document section dealing with the BBG, although it does not specifically mention the OCB or Radio and TV Marti.

"Finally, the FY 2016 request proposes the authority for BBG to establish and supervise grants to an independent grantee organization to carry out media activities to Haiti and the Latin American region."

Another section of the Obama Administration document talks about "supporting current foreign policy priorities [Emphasis added.], such as countering propaganda from Russia and the violent extremism of the ISIL." It also refers to "BBG's evolution away from shortwave radio transmissions [Emphasis added], and invests substantial new funding in expanding television, digital video, mobile and social platforms, and growing our global FM radio network [Emphasis added.].

"The FY 2016 request includes reductions and investments that rebalance BBG resources towards more aggressive use of television and digital media platforms. The BBG's budget focuses on supporting current foreign policy priorities, such as countering propaganda from Russia and the violent extremism of the ISIL. The requested funding will continue BBG's evolution away from shortwave radio transmissions, and invests substantial new funding in expanding television, digital video, mobile and social platforms, and growing our global FM radio network."

The document also talks about the BBG establishing "new strategic performance measurements to further evolve away from outputs to outcomes and impacts with key strategic audiences."

FY2016 State Budget Justification
FY2016 BBG Budget Request

The total BBG FY 2016 request of \$751.5 provides \$741.5 million for International Broadcasting Operations and \$10.0 million for Broadcasting Capital Improvements (BCI). Through the IBO funds, the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) funds operations of its broadcasting organizations, as well as related program delivery and support activities. The \$10.0 million in BCI funding will maintain the worldwide transmission network of the BBG, including the security requirements of facilities, maintenance, repairs, and improvements to existing systems.

The BBG is an independent Federal agency responsible for all U.S. non-military international media programs. BBG media networks include two Federal entities, the Voice of America (VOA) and the Office of Cuba Broadcasting (OCB) - Radio and TV Marti. BBG networks also include three grantee organizations Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL), Radio Free Asia (RFA), and the Middle East Broadcasting Networks (MBN) - Radio Sawa and Alhurra Television.

The BBG mission is to inform, engage, and connect people around the world in support of freedom and democracy. BBG radio, television, Internet, and mobile programs reach more than 215 million people each week in 61 languages. By delivering accurate and timely news and information, the BBG is a leading channel for information about the

United States, our people, society, government and policies. We create access to news and information and support freedom of expression to foster the development of democratic values in transitioning and closed societies. Nurturing democratic values and countering misinformation that threatens peace, stability and freedom is a national security imperative, consistent with the President's National Security Strategy.

The FY 2016 request includes reductions and investments that rebalance BBG resources towards more aggressive use of television and digital media platforms. The BBG's budget focuses on supporting current foreign policy priorities, such as countering propaganda from Russia and the violent extremism of the ISIL. The requested funding will continue BBG's evolution away from shortwave radio transmissions, and invests substantial new funding in expanding television, digital video, mobile and social platforms, and growing our global FM radio network.

The BBG will continue to harmonize multiple language services in strategic markets, increasing efficiency and boosting impact, by ensuring coordinated complementary operations and content where two BBG broadcasters co-exist. It has also established new strategic performance measurements to further evolve away from outputs to outcomes and impacts with key strategic audiences.

Finally, the FY 2016 request proposes the authority for BBG to establish and supervise grants to an independent grantee organization to carry out media activities to Haiti and the Latin American region. (BBGWatch via Mike Cooper, WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DXLD)

More: BBG proposes privatizing Radio/TV Martí, and VOA? See CUBA [non]

** U S A [and non]. VOA Radiogram for the weekend of Feb 21-22 includes news about clone Twitter accounts targeting RFE/RL and VOA.

All in MFSK32 except for the bonus mode:

- 2:05 Program preview
- 3:04 US embassies to monitor air quality
- 8:11 Philippines looks to geothermal power*
- 14:14 Clone Twitter accounts target RFE/RL, VOA*
- 20:36 Broadcasting Board of Governors meeting*
- 26:45 Closing announcements*
- 28:27 Olivia 16-500: Bonus mode of the week

* with images

Try reception on your cheapest AM-only portable. Decode using Fldigi from w1hkj.com or your favorite decoding software. More details:

VOA Radiogram, 21-22 February 2015, improving conditions...

Shortwave reception conditions seem to be improving...

<http://voaradiogram.net/post/111584334192/voa-radiogram-21-22-february-2015-improving>

VOA Radiogram transmission schedule

(all days and times UT):

Sat 0930-1000 5910 kHz

Sat 1600-1630 17860 kHz

Sun 0230-0300 5745 kHz

Sun 1930-2000 15670 kHz

All via the Edward R. Murrow transmitting station in North Carolina.

The Mighty KBC will transmit a minute of MFSK64 Saturday at about 1230 UTC on 6095 kHz, and Sunday at about 0130 UTC (Saturday 8:30 pm EST) on 7375 kHz. Both frequencies are via Germany (Kim Elliott, Feb 20, dxldyg via DXLD)

AM on 17860 kHz at 16.00z in Europe? Good heavens! I'd better not. It might turn out to be wrong. This time there was in addition (to the usual Jammer) an OTHR-curtain. Pure USB was there the first choice.

http://www.rhci-online.de/VoA_Radiogram_2015-02-21.htm

(roger, germany, ibid.)

** U S A. 9800, Feb 20 at 1345, VOA Korean via PHILIPPINES, always good signal here far beyond target, and less hum than usual, during English lesson. Fun to note the sources they choose, such as today, going thru the song 'Sunglasses at Night' (by Corey Hart) explaining the idioms one by one, such as 'Don't switch the blade on the guy in shades, oh no'. Hmmm, doesn't Kim Jung-Un wear shades? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [non]. 11840, Feb 22 at 1428-1430+, good signal with M&W conversation in rapid Russian, about Ukraine, Marksism. Nothing in Aoki, but latest HFCC shows since Feb 20 at 14-15, 11840 is IBB Russian via Tinang, PHILIPPINES, 250 kW, 349 degrees to CIRAF 30-33. I cannot find a previous frequency in Aoki or HFCC with same parameters which this would have replaced; no doubt R. Liberty (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Liberty in Russian 1400-1500 on new 11840 PHT, ex 9910 SAI

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EGePC3B613k&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8Hw1VJQePY&feature=youtu.be>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hZ6VpHEeSEI&feature=youtu.be>

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

0, 9910 SAIPAN used to be quite good here; no parameter match since

site was also replaced (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Frequency changes of RFA, VOA, Radio liberty (+more videos):

Radio Free Asia from February 2, Cantonese to E Asia:

1400-1500 on 13655 TIN 250 kW / 287 deg Mon, ex Daily
1400-1500 NF 13665 TIN 250 kW / 287 deg Tue, ex 13655
1400-1500 on 13655 TIN 250 kW / 287 deg Wed, ex Daily
1400-1500 NF 13665 TIN 250 kW / 287 deg Thu, ex 13655
1400-1500 on 13655 TIN 250 kW / 287 deg Fri, ex Daily
1400-1500 NF 13695 TIN 250 kW / 287 deg Sat, ex 13655
1400-1500 NF 13640 TIN 250 kW / 287 deg Sun, ex 13635, re-ex 13655

2200-2300 on 9720 SAI 100 kW / 285 deg Mon, ex Daily
2200-2300 NF 9975 SAI 100 kW / 285 deg Tue, ex 9720
2200-2300 on 9720 SAI 100 kW / 285 deg Wed, ex Daily
2200-2300 NF 9975 SAI 100 kW / 285 deg Thu, ex 9720
2200-2300 on 9720 SAI 100 kW / 285 deg Fri, ex Daily
2200-2300 NF 9940 SAI 100 kW / 285 deg Sat, ex 9720
2200-2300 NF 9995 SAI 100 kW / 285 deg Sun, ex 9720

Voice of America from February 16

1600-1700 NF 9760 UDO 250 kW / 319 deg to CeAs Tibetan, ex 9695 //
7570, 11720

Radio Liberty from February 20

1400-1500 NF 11840 PHT 250 kW / 349 deg to EaEu Russian, ex 9910 SAI
// 15130

Radio Liberty from February 21

1400-1500 NF 13630 IRA 250 kW / 340 deg to CeAs Uzbek, ex 13645 //
15265

Radio Liberty from February 23

1400-1500 NF 12055 LAM 100 kW / 075 deg to CeAs Tajik, ex 11975 //
7475

1500-1700 NF 11985 LAM 100 kW / 075 deg to CeAs Tajik, ex 11975 //
7475

<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/frequency-changes-of-rfa-and-voa.html>
(DX RE MIX NEWS #897 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Feb. 23, 2015
via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. 17700, Feb 23 at 1537, very poor talk in unID
language. Aoki shows it's VOA via BOTSWANA, 1500-1530 daily in Hausa,
and since January 12, adding 1530-1600 M-F (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX
LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1761 monitoring: still no show at 2201 Thu
Feb 19 on Global 24 [see separate log]; and I missed checking the 0001
UT Friday on 9395, but probably; did anyone hear it? Next:
Fri 2130 on WRMI 7570 & 15770

Sat 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Sat 1000 on WRMI 5850
Sun 0231 on KVOH 9975
Sun 2300 on WRMI 11580
Mon 0400v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v
Mon 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Tue 1200 on WRMI 9955
Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

WORLD OF RADIO 1761 monitoring: confirmed Friday February 20 at 2130.5
on WRMI 7570 & 15770, both sufficient. Next:

Sun 0231 on KVOH 9975
Sun 2300 on WRMI 11580
Mon 0400v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v
Mon 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Tue 1200 on WRMI 9955
Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

Furthermore! WORLD OF RADIO has been added to the schedule of WA0RCR,
1860 kHz in Wentzville MO, the Gateway 160 Meter Radio Newsletter.
Thanks to Vern Jackson for accepting WOR, and to John Carson, WB5Q for
suggesting this. Vern says:

``Hi Glenn, The afternoon airing will begin somewhere around 2:30 PM
Central [2030 UT]; depending on the lengths of many other segments;
all of which vary from week to week. It will start at 2:37 PM on Sat.
Feb. 21. WOR will air on 1860 again evening around 22:15 CST (0415 UT
Sundays) after ARRL Audio News, which follows The Houston AMSAT Net.
This will give wide area night coverage. 73, Vern Jackson``

Tnx, Vern! More info at <http://wa0rcr.mbohnhoffinc.com/>
WA0RCR puts a reliable AM signal into Enid Saturday nights/UT Sundays
(Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

WORLD OF RADIO 1761 monitoring: confirmed on KVOH 9975, UT Sunday Feb
22 at 0231.

Saturday night transmission has now been extended an hour from *0130
UT Sun and sked now updated to show: `Shore Up Soccer` with Josh Ault
--- web link is incorrect, as ``/shoreupsports`` but it's really

<https://www.facebook.com/shoreupsoccer>
``The Nations First Faith Based Soccer Show``!
[WORLD OF RADIO 1762]

WOR is now carried on WA0RCR, 1860-AM kHz, Wentzville MO, nominally 0415v UT Sundays. Monitoring Feb 22: at 0407, Houston AMSAT is wrapping up with SSTV(?) tones; 0408 WA0RCR ID, ARRL Audio News next, dated Fri Feb 20; 0409 pause for ID by Dave Marthouse (remember him from DX show Spectrum?); WOR does not start until 0424, opening upcut/truncated, and it turns out to be last week's #1760 instead of latest 1761; ends at 0452:15, ID, into RAIN report. Next:

Sun 2300 on WRMI 11580
Mon 0400v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v
Mon 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Tue 1200 on WRMI 9955
Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

WORLD OF RADIO 1761 monitoring: confirmed Sunday Feb 22 at 2300 on WRMI 11580, sufficient; also confirmed UT Monday Feb 23 at 0401 on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v. Next:

Mon 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Tue 1200 on WRMI 9955
Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

WORLD OF RADIO 1761 monitoring: inquiry from a listener indicates that at 2200+ UT Monday Feb 23, Global 24 via WRMI 9395 was playing a Two Bobs episode on `Switzerland in Sound`, supposed to be at 2230 after WOR. Did anyone else hear WOR at 2200 or 2230? Next:

Tue 1200 on WRMI 9955
Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

As for whether or not the Mon 2201 airing on 9395 occurred, my listener says he did hear WOR at first, and did not realize later on that the programming had changed (to Switzerland in Sound).

WORLD OF RADIO 1761 monitoring: confirmed UT Wed 0401 on Global 24

webcast, also via WRMI 9395. Preceded by Bach fill music at 0359, 0400 ID and a semiminute of FSN news headlines. The Wed 1415 airing on WRMI 9955 also confirmed at 1440 Feb 25 check, good with no jamming. Next: Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395

WORLD OF RADIO 1761 monitoring: confirmed on webcast of WBCQ 7490v, Wed Feb 25 at 2200; and on that of Global 24, Wed Feb 25 at 2201.

WORLD OF RADIO 1762 monitoring: confirmed first SW broadcast, also webcast, of WRMI 9955, UT Thu Feb 26 at 0431. Also good on 9955, Thu Feb 26 at 1330. Next:

Fri 0001 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Fri 2130 on WRMI 7570 & 15770
Sat 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Sat 1000 on WRMI 5850
Sat 2030v on WA0RCR 1860-AM Gateway 160 Meter Radio Newsletter, MO NEW
Sun 0231 on KVOH 9975
Sun 0415v on WA0RCR 1860-AM Gateway 160 Meter Radio Newsletter, MO NEW
Sun 2300 on WRMI 11580
Mon 0400v on Area 51 via WBCQ 5110v
Mon 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Tue 1200 on WRMI 9955
Wed 0401 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
Wed 0730 & 1530 on Hamburger Lokalradio 7265-CUSB
Wed 1415 on WRMI 9955
Wed 2200 on WBCQ 7490v
Wed 2201 on Global 24 via WRMI 9395
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 11580, Feb 19 at 1232, WRMI is open carrier/dead air with hum, while Brother Scare is still modulating on 11825, 15770. At first I thought it was something else on 11825, ``Amazing Facts`` but that was just a clip and back to B.S.

9955, Feb 19 at 2209-2215+, WRMI is playing continuous variety of music, no announcements, presumably filler, tho an unfamiliar selection. After daytime break, from *2200 block is supposedly Brother Scare. At 2234 something new in very slowly spoken Kriyol, now with lite pulse jamming. WRMI program schedule still dated January 1 now has carved out 2230-2300 Thursdays merely as ``Kreyol``. I've asked Jeff White what program it really is, exactly? Another mystery now on the schedule: ``Kloch desperans`` Sunday at 1145-1200: what is that and in what language? Turns out these are related:

Searching on that title, I find this already mentioned on WRMI FB January 8: ``WRMI Begins Weekly Creole Service --- As of January 8,

2015, WRMI will begin airing a 30-minute weekly segment of programming in the Creole language to Haiti at 5:30-6:00 pm Eastern Time on 9955 kHz shortwave. From 5:30-5:45 pm Thursdays, WRMI will air a program called "Kloch Desperans" ("Bells of Hope") presented by Father André Weedny. From 5:45-6:00 pm, the station will air a dramatized version of the Bible in Creole` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also EQUATORIAL GUINEA [non], and separate logs of Global 24

** U S A. 9395, Feb 19 at 1229, Global 24 via WRMI playing fill music, 1812 Overture; next check 1331, still/again the same! During what should have been World Radio Network at 12, and `Democracy Now` at 13. `Upstate Radio Theater` has succeeded after 14, by 1431 check with Woodbury ad closing Bing Crosby Show of 9/18/34, then into `Sam Spade` of 11/28/48. That Bing date seems awfully familiar: Yes, the very same episode I logged last Nov 29 and Dec 4! Are they replaying the same Upstate Radio Theater over and over??

1501 as on Thursdays only, `Democracy Now` starts [again?] with headlines concerning Greece and whistleblowers. But at 1515 cut DN and back to Bach fill music, still so at 1536.

9395 via WRMI, Global 24 monitoring: after World of Radio disappeared from the previous Thu 2201 UT airing as `Dialogos Greece` kept running the last few weeks, this time Feb 19 I am checking at 2100 to confirm whether D.G. really starts at 2100, or later? Yes, it does. Recheck at 2200 Feb 19, Greek music is still playing when G24 cuts away from it this week, no ID or ad, right into European News Network with another replay of the evergreen show interviewing Dame Vera Lynn instead of any news. And at 2215: REPEAT the very same show again! So instead of a brand-new WOR we got two plays of a backup show. Previous weeks, D.G. ran until 2215 and then E.N.N.

More crashes to the same old fill music on 9395: Feb 20 at 0327, 1812 Overture is playing; recheck 0349 it's about to climax with bells and cannons, when cut off for a Hobo Hanky ad (new one to me), then back to Bach. Propagation disturbance plunges the MUF, so by 0427, 9395 is nothing but a JBA carrier (while WRMI 7570 & 7455 are still very strong but somewhat diminished). 9395 still JBA at 0646.

BTW, just before 2100 UT Feb 19 on 9395, there was a WRN promo for `Democracy Now`. I was not aware it's on WRN, and indeed not found anywhere on the WRN North American schedule dated January 1. Also, I had assumed Vatican Radio was on WRN at 0545 UT, since we hear it on G24 following Israel Radio at 0530, which is on WRN --- but WRN shows their 0545 program is RNZI; needs updating?

[and non]. 9395, Feb 22 at 1358, Global 24 via WRMI is still lacking R. Cairo, yet still on the G24 program schedule for Sundays 1300-1430.

Instead I am hearing ``Favorite Son``, by CCR, which I think is part of their limited fill-music repertoire. 1400, 'Global 24 News' by Jeff D., bringing up Priscilla (stringer?) in Washington DC, about SCOTUS considering same-sex marriage. Stops at 1401 already for '1812 Overture' fill, but they don't always play it all the way thru, and yes, by 1408 recheck it's the evergreen Dame Vera Lynn interview yet again from the European News Network, which lasts until 1421 commercials. During this period, 9395 signal is weaker than both adjacents it's squeezed between: 9390 R. Thailand news in English, and 9400 V. of Kurdistan music (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 5110, UT Fri Feb 20 at 0432, WBCQ off, so VORW ex-pirate http://schedule.wbcq.com/main.php?fn=show_program&id=287 is apparently a past-thing (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7489.914, Odd frequency WBCQ Monticello, discussion on winter weather and temperature outlook, very slow spoken talk. S=9+30dB -42dBm signal at 0035 UT on Feb 21.

5109.975, Some brokered program heard like WZGZ WBCQ Monticello at 0030 UT on Feb 21. S=9 signal in Boston-MA. All logged on remote SDR unit in Boston Massachusetts northeastern USA. vy73 de (Wolfgang DF5SX Bueschel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7490-, Feb 21 at 0105, WBCQ seems stable slightly on the lo side now that they are using the ex-9330 transmitter, as 'Allan Weiner Worldwide' is underway. It's the only frequency this week, nothing heard on 5110, 9330 or 15420; yet, Allan claims at 0118 that he's on 7490, and 5110 plus webcast on WBCQ.com and studio video via WBCQ.tv. Also refers us to a countdown clock at the WBCQ website to the scheduled vote on Net Neutrality, his major topic tonight, in favor of, of course. Not until 0200 do a couple of callers inform him that 5110 is not really on the air as expected from Monticello. He's still in the land of Fla (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. SHOCK JOCK TO RETURN TO THE AIRWAVES AFTER BEING JAILED FOR EDITORIAL

Monticello, Maine, February 20, 2015 -- International Shortwave Radio Station WBCQ The Planet is pleased to announce the return to radio of shock jock Hal Turner. The Hal Turner Show will have its grand re-launch on Wednesday, October 7, 2015 at 9:00 PM EDT and will be heard throughout the United States as well as 70 [sic] other countries around the world on WBCQ at 7.490 MHz.

Turner, who previously aired his program on WBCQ, was arrested by the FBI on June 24, 2009 after publishing an editorial on his talk radio show web site. In the editorial, Turner criticized three United States

Judges in Chicago for their ruling which upheld Chicagos ban on handguns. Turner wrote that the three judges were traitors to the Constitution who deserve to be killed.

Former United States Attorney Patrick Fitzgerald of Chicago claimed that Turner's statement was a threat to assault and murder three United States Judges. Turner argued that saying someone deserves something, is an opinion protected by the First Amendment.

Turner was put on trial in December 2009 in Brooklyn Federal Court. The first trial ended in a hung jury, with 9 out of the 12 jurors voting not guilty. The government tried Turner a second time in March 2010, and again, the jury was hung. At that point, financially wrecked by legal fees, Turner declared bankruptcy and was appointed a federal public defender.

The government put Turner on trial for an astonishing third time (a process usually reserved only for high ranking mafia bosses) and Turner was convicted on August 13, 2010. Sentenced to thirty-three months in prison and three years probation, Turner has served his sentence and will return to the airwaves on October 7. He is the only living American media personality in the United States ever put in prison for an editorial.

The show will be a listener call-in talk show format as it was before and will retain its slogan Free Speech No Matter Who Doesn't Like It. The show will likely be simulcast live via Internet, but negotiations are still in progress as to what web site will carry the show. Other radio stations in New York City and elsewhere are also negotiating to broadcast Turners program. More details will be released as they become available.

For more information, contact:

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Posted by: radio@zappahead.net
(Larry Will, Feb 20, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This show sounds like a candidate for "AM 970-- The Answer"
<http://am970theanswer.com/> AKA WNYM, which serves the NYC area. If you'd ask me. I can't see them cutting off the last hour of Hugh Hewitt's program (7-10 PM) to carry Hal's show live starting at 9 PM (but schedules can always be finagled with over the next half a year). (Shawn From Flushing NY (not just "the HM01 guy") Fahrer, ibid.)

** U S A. 12105, Feb 19 at 2233, WTWW-3 is off instead of Bibling; this transmission had been fairly reliable. WTWW-2 is also off, of course, no 9930.

12105, Feb 21 at 0116 check, WTWW-3 is off, and so is WTWW-2, nothing on 9930 or 5085; just WTWW-1 on 9475 with the whites-only, males-only, dead-only, Scriptures for America.

9475, Feb 21 at 1504-1507, we are blessed with a few minutes of dead air before resuming harangues (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. 9930, Feb 22 at 1425, rock & roll tune, way atop T8WH, so Ted has chosen the only day of the week to fire a WTWW-2 frequency back up, when it will collide with PALAU after 1400, on Sundays until 1500. 9475 WTWW is also on (and 5830 before 1400), so two transmitters are functional at the moment; yet only 5830 was active early UT Sunday, no 5085 which would have transmitted Ted's music show if possible. We suspected the real #2 transmitter had been taken over for use on the #1 frequencies.

At 1707 Feb 22 recheck, 9930 is still on with rock music, and notably stronger than 9475, evidently at reduced power, whatever the transmitter. Meanwhile, #3 had not been heard lately in the afternoons on 12105, so that unit is either down, or substituting for one of the others which is down.

5085, Feb 23 at 0647, WTWW-2 is back on, rock music and Ted reverbering from the bottle-of-the-barrel, saying he can't remember something about the music.

9475, Feb 24 at 2235, PPPP programing has been pre-empted on WTWW for live(?) coverage from the annual National Religious Broadcasters convention always in Nashville --- Ted is interviewing some guy in the movie biz, and for the few minutes I listen, can't determine who he is or what it has to do with religion or broadcasting.

9475 // 9930, Wed Feb 25 at 2025, unusually the two operable WTWW transmitters are duplicating (while 12105 still off), preëmpting dead gospel-huxtering from Laporte for live(?) coverage of the National Religious Broadcasters annual convention in Nashville, Ted interviewing someone. At 2242 recheck, still // but now with hymnmusic. Con runs from 23 to 26 Feb, so maybe even more the next day (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. February 17:

WWCR 1 in English to WeEu, distorted audio 1400 on 15825 Nashville
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=As3emPWSkS8&feature=youtu.be>

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

5930 & 5940, Feb 24 at 0623, the sidebands of WWCR 5935 with DGS are very noisy with something else, i.e. matching modulation peaks of WWCR 4840, as the spurious garbage cuts on and off. Yet another case of unsavory interaxion among WWCR transmitters which need to be isolated one from another, amen (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 11870, Feb 24 at 0615, R. Cat lica Mundial during the rote ``Dolorosa Pasi n`` show is under big humwhine. This particular defect I only note on this frequency late at night; not so on // 7555 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 9265, WINB, Red Lion PA; 2323-2330+, 15-Feb; Tuned in to Dr. Wong's sexual function snake oil huxter infomercial -- missed the good parts heard at the last DXpedition. EZL music interlude 2325+ to 2329+ WINB spot into One God Ministry huxter program. All in English (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Start of transmission of WJHR Radio International on Feb 24: from 1403 on 15550 JHR 050 kW / 005 deg to NWAm English USB, video <http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/reception-of-wjhr-radio-international.html>

(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, Feb 25, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

?? 5 degrees from Milton in the FL panhandle near Pensacola is hardly toward northwest America (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** U S A. ARRL WARNS EXPERIMENTAL LICENSEE TO AVOID INTERFERENCE TO HF HAM ACTIVITY --- Southgate, February 18, 2015

The ARRL has asked a Massachusetts company that plans to conduct experimental transmissions over wide portions of the HF spectrum either to avoid Amateur Radio allocations or to announce the times and frequencies of their transmissions in advance.

The FCC last fall granted MITRE Corporation of Bedford, Massachusetts, a 2-year Part 5 Experimental License, WH2XCI, to operate 21 transmitters at 10 fixed New York and Massachusetts sites. MITRE plans to test wideband HF communication techniques on a variety of bands between 2.5 MHz and 16 MHz.

"[I]t will not be possible for MITRE to operate these transmitters within the Amateur Radio Service allocations...without causing harmful interference to a large number of Amateur Radio operators on an ongoing basis," ARRL Chief Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, said in a

February 12 letter to MITRE.

Imlay said that if MITRE does not agree to avoid ham radio bands or to announce times and frequencies of transmissions ahead of time, it will ask the FCC to rescind the company's Experimental License or to impose a prior notification requirement "in real time for each and every use of the transmitters authorized at each site."

The WH2XCI Experimental License authorizes maximum bandwidths of 5 kHz, 500 kHz, and 1 MHz at effective radiated power levels of 6 W, 24 W, or 122 W. MITRE has indicated that most bandwidths would be between 100 and 300 kHz.

"At these power levels with the operating parameters proposed, it will be impossible to conduct your tests at any time within the Amateur Radio allocations and, at the same time, avoid harmful interference," Imlay said. He noted that MITRE already conceded this point in a technical exhibit submitted to the FCC with respect to its 1 MHz bandwidth mode.

Imlay said that when interference from MITRE's wide-bandwidth transmitters "inevitably occurs in the narrow-bandwidth, sensitive receivers" hams use, amateur licensees will have no way to determine the source of the interference or know to whom they might complain.

"Thus, your assurance of operation on a 'non-interference basis' is meaningless under the circumstances, and yet that is both a special condition of operation" of the WH2XCI license and under FCC Part 5 regulations, Imlay told MITRE.

"It is ARRL's intention to ensure that this experimental authorization, improvidently granted to the extent that it includes heavily used Amateur Radio allocations, is not permitted to cause interference to ongoing Amateur Radio HF communications," Imlay concluded.

MITRE obtained the Experimental License to investigate high data rate wideband HF communication systems that exploit polarization diversity multiple input, multiple output concepts to expand the bandwidth of the communication channel.

http://www.southgatearc.org/news/2015/february/arrrl_warns_experimental_licensee_to_avoid_interference_to_hf_ham_activity.htm
Posted by: (Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

Hi Jeff, Here's a job for the Chief Counsel of the NASB --- make the same demands that the hams are, to keep this out of the SWBC bands.
73, (Glenn to Jeff White, via DXLD)

Interesting Glenn. I'll try to get someone who can understand this better than me to look at it (Jeff White to Glenn, ibid.)

** U S A. 690, Feb 19 at 1313 UT, KGGF Coffeyville KS with news about OK and KS, as ``Radio Results Group News``, a mouthful but that's the real name of its local group including 3 FM stations:

<http://www.radioresultsgroup.com>

which says, ``On the air since 1928, KGGF is truly one of America's heritage radio stations``. I don't see a program schedule, but they are also one of few stations that still signs off when they don't have to, at local midnight, with a rotating patriotic song, and always closing with Taps just after 0600 UT (soon 0500 UT with DST). KGGF used to leave the carrier on afterwards but I have not reconfirmed that lately. `Jim Bohannon` runs until midnite weekdays; occasionally stays on later, like for a west-coast extra-inning silly baseball game.

Back to the Feb 19 log: quick carrier break at 1314 UT, presumably switch from night to day facilities as official Feb sunrise is 1315 UT (March: bumps all the way up to 1230 UT): 10/5 kW U4, but no difference in groundwave signal here. Night pattern has four lobes, major one to the SW away from Montreal, and four deep nulls, while day pattern is tangent broadly almost circular more to the SSW.

RRG News continues at 1314 UT Feb 19 with `Profile America` for Friday Feb 13! Day in history from US Census Bureau, 1316 ``Color Weather Radar``, which has to be interpreted by the monochrome, audio-only announcer; shall we take his word for how colorful it is? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 840, Feb 19 at 0650 UT, with WHAS nulled from a SAH more like 8 Hz than last night's 7, a Spanish call-in show again about El Salvador; 0655 UT break ID as ESPN Deportes; 0658 UT, USG PSAs, still Spanish, including highway safety and 0659 UT influenza, but fading down just in time to miss a ToH ID, but already know it's KVJY Pharr TX.

The ESPN Deportes schedule via

<http://espndeportes.espn.go.com/espndeportesradio/>

shows weekdays at 1-2 am (presumably EST), a show merely called `FC`. On the ESPN Deportes program schedule via SiriusXM, which may not be the same, there is a 12-1 am ET show called F C | Central American Soccer. So that's what I have been hearing. FC = f'tbol centroamericano? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 880-CUSB, Feb 19 at 1305 UT, Christian song somewhat overmodulated/distorted and not much on the lower sideband, as always

from KHAC Tse Bonito NM; 1307 UT rendition of 'Star-Spangled Banner' in English to a different tune than usual! Wonder if they play that every morning. 1308 UT on to a hymn in Navajo. KHAC is always running day facility 10 kW ND, dominating rather than anything from KLRG AR, which should now be 50 kW ND.

880-CUSB, Feb 21 at 0137 UT, KHAC, (Tse Bonito NM but address in Window Rock AZ), ``the Voice of Hope`` program promo for something at 5-9 pm M-F, i.e. this very show; constantly cheating with 10 kW ND day instead of 430 watts night, per NRC AM Log which also shows a different slogan, now abandoned? ``Voice of Encouragement``. Also lists schedule as 08-24 EST, tho I also hear it as late as 02 EST; and all-night? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 980, Feb 24 at 0140 UT, Spanish talk explaining eligibility for Medicare, so it's certainly United Statesian, from N/S, and in next 4 minutes clearly giving phone number 5 times: 832-701-3647. AC 832 = Houston TX, so this is KQUE, COL Rosenberg-Richmond, but address in Pasadena. NRC AM Log says it's Radio Aleluya, 5/4 kW U4. Day and night patterns throw major lobe SE into the Gulf, minor lobe NW toward me.

At same time I am getting another weaker SS on 980, somewhat separable further to the SW, likely XENR Nueva Rosita, Coahuila, 0141 UT with local weather (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 990, Feb 21 at 0135, talk show with prompt ID as ``AM 990, KWAM`` Memphis TN, phone 800-801-8999 and apparently another similar number depending on whether you agree with Giuliani or not about Obama being anti-American. What a crock! Holding its own for a while vs XET and CBW; night pattern is WNW/ESE with 450 watts, while day pattern is tight E-W with 10 kW (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1060, Feb 23 at 0658 UT, bigsig, very good dominating from NW/SE with CRS = Catholic Relief Service rice-bowl ad, 0659 UT ``pro-life update``, dead air just before 0700 UT during a space reserved for local ID which was NOT transmitted, then into EWTN Radio, 'Women of Grace, Live' except it isn't, so please don't call.

This is obviously KRCN Longmont CO, which as we reported, recently flipped from Bloomberg BIZ to Catholic EWTN, and was widely reported earlier this evening across the country as surely on non-direxional day power 50 kW instead of 111 watts night. Only by nulling it can I bring up the off-frequency LAHs from KIJN, another cheater, and the new XERDO (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

1060, KRCN, Longmont CO very strong --- Blowing the doors off since before 7 pm MST (02 UT) with EWTN content, clearly not on their 111

watt night power (they are 50 kW NDA daytime). New log for me (Brian Rachford - Prescott, AZ, <http://azswdxing.wordpress.com/> 0235 UT Feb 23, IRCA via DXLD)

Noted under CKMX with man and woman reciting the rosary 2155 EST. ID 2200 "KRCN Longmont-Boulder-Denver" by cheerful woman (Bruce in Seattle Portzer, *ibid.*, et al.)

** U S A. 1140, Feb 20 at 0652 UT, Coast to Coast, // KFAQ 1170 and countless others, but never synchronized; loops ENE/WSW and holding its own against XEMR. Suspect WRVA Richmond VA, and confirmed as such by several IDs at 0659 UT, ``Newsradio 1140, WRVA`` also with FM and HD frequencies, Fox `news`. 50 kW WRVA night pattern is NW/SE, so not much toward us (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1220, Feb 20 at 0655 UT, gospel music from the ENE/WSW, and C&W music from NNW/SSE, the latter soon replaced by caller speaking accented English, mentions DFW international airport, show host also with S Asian accent, so surely KZEE Weatherford TX, 200 watts at night, ``South Asian Radio`` a.k.a. ``Hot Pepper 1220`` per NRC AM Log. The other station would normally be perpetual cheater WSLM Salem IN, which is Classic Country, rather than gospel, so maybe this was really KOMC Branson MO, 1000/44 watts, ``Solid gospel`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1290, Feb 23 at 0706 UT, ``on the mighty 12-90, Koil``. Not often heard here; 5 kW day and night, but night pattern has minor lobe to SSW, major lobe to NNE, while day pattern is ND (the day contour circle in the NRC Pattern Book should be dotted). IIRC, KOIL, Omaha NE was once a major rocker, but now listed as news/talk.

KOIL was on 1180 from 8/24/1993 to 4/22/2003 and again from 01/01/2009 to 06/04/2012 when 1180 became KZOT, per FCC call sign history (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1530, Feb 21 at 0652 UT, romantic music in Spanish, 0655 UT Univisi n Am rica ID, Spanish PSAs including donate-your-car to a charity for the blind with an 800-number; 0657 UT another one promoting sex education for 14-19 year-olds, website sounded like poderdehablar.org but that goes nowhere; credit Texas Health Department about good diets; 0659 UT, 911 promo for lifesaving, YMCA, all in Spanish; before 0700 UT, only ID heard is for Univisi n Am rica, and into music.

Thruout, WCKY without Brother Scare has been hard to null, but this one is from the N/S and has to be KGBT Harlingen, RGV, TX. Its 10 kW night pattern shows essentially zero signal to the north:
http://transition.fcc.gov/ftp/Bureaus/MB/Databases/AM_DA_patterns/

1074352-91038.pdf

While day pattern is 50 kW ND; hmmm, could it be? BTW, there is another SS Texan between us, circa Austin, per NRC AM Log, KZNX, Radio Muger, 10000/220 watts U7.

1530, Feb 24 at 0125 UT, 'UnivisiŮn Radio' ID in passing, and SHVA ads, 0126 UT Autozone, etc. from N/S, i.e. surely KGBT Harlingen, RGV TX. Standard remark about how KGBT is not supposed to put out any signal toward the north, but this was dominating anything else on 1530 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1530, Feb 21 at 0701 UT, after logging KGBT from the south, I rotate the DX-398 to E/W, finding not WCKY, but church service announcements mentioning Little Rock, so it's KVDW, England AR, 2.5 kW daytimer cheating again.

I was hoping to hear 1530 Colorado Springs CO, which per AM Switch, NRC DX News post-dated Feb 23, changed call Feb 5 from KCMN to KKHI, now Oldies 1530, and no longer on the I-25 Radio Network; but Wayne Heinen noted it was off the air as of Feb 13. Too, cheating would help get it here as before, 15 kW day power instead of 15 watts night. KKHI, alluding to hi-fidelity? was once the call of San Francisco's premier classical music station on 1550, until June 20, 1994 when it became KPIX; thence KYCY, KFRC, and currently KZDG (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1550, Sun Feb 22 at 1350 UT, dominant signal on FRG-7 with E/W longwire is non-commercial-sounding interview about a campus United Way drive, on 'Weekend Edition' --- could it be 50 kW daytimer KUAZ Tucson AZ already? with a local segment cutaway from NPR Weekend Edition Sunday? No! Finally at 1353 UT a local reference to Cape Girardeau, so it's KAPE in MO, on 5 kW day pattern skewed toward the west. BTW, Radio-locator shows address is way over in Mt Vernon IL: Withers corp HQ may be there, but is it also programmed remotely from there?? Transmitter site anyway is definitely near C.G. in MO. Meanwhile, no sign of KLFJ Springfield MO halfway between us which should also be on 5 kW ND day pattern, the Branson station on 1550 (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1560, Feb 23 at 0702 UT, I'm checking 1560 for DX, tho the absence of NYC makes absolutely no difference here in deep North America, since even when on, the WQEW/ex-WQXR blasted most of its 50 kW signal over New England, the Maritimes and Olde England, never heard here. The hiatus is until Family Radio remakes it into a total nonentity, WFME, after having given up their old FM station in market.

But I do get something odd on 1560, ESPN Radio, 'Sports Center All-Night', looping ENE/WSW, so it can't be Houston, and besides, that's

not ESPN, is it? NRC AM Log 2014-2015 shows several sports stations on upstart networks, but the only ESPN was WSLA, 500-watt daytimer in Slidell LA. No fit.

So I Google on ESPN 1560 and soon find a nearby candidate, WMBH in Joplin MO! Yes, a legacy W-call in the West, belonging to a rather insignificant station, and originally on 1450 until a local station/format swap. It's only 192 miles/310 km away, city-to-city.

NRC AM Log 2014-2015 had WMBH as urban contemporary format, ``The Beat``, 250/9 watts. Altho the signal soon fades into QRM, I strongly suspect more than 9 watts. If it had stayed on 1450, it could be running 1000 watts at night, but with slightly more QRM.

Confirming WMBH is now ESPN, see these:

<https://www.facebook.com/joplinsportsedge>

<http://www.koamtv.com/story/28133562/wmbh-1560-espn-radio-to-be-flagship-station-for-joplin-blasters>

<http://espn.go.com/espnradio/affiliate>

and click on the map dot over Joplin if you can find it

(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1725-CW, Feb 21 at 0618 UT, I am trying for a licensed 70-watt beacon in Massachusetts that Warren, K2ORS is reported to be running tonight. After off-tuning 11725 RNZI with BFO, down 10 MHz to 1725 to see if I can hear it on the FRG-7 with E-W longwire. Yes! A little better by 0630 UT, but barely in the noise level, such that I can copy only an occasional character, rarely two or more in a row. {CW at quite slow rate; it could axually have been better somewhat faster, as fades often prevented copying one complete letter.} At one point, 0643 UT, I think I copy three letters in a row, so could that get me a QSL? We are asked not to publish them. May not be using the K2ORS ID here. The earlier notification about this I redistributed to the DXLD yg follows (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Special licensed experimental CW beacon on 1725 kHz Friday night

I'll paste in the message that was sent to NDBLIST. This weekend is the monthly "coordinated listening event" that ndblist runs one weekend each month. Experimental beacons around 475 and other places are encouraged to be on the air. Warren K2ORS in MA put his on the air, on 1725 kHz. It's good copy here in NE Oregon around 0330 UT. There are fades but on peaks the whole message has been copied several times now. If you copy it please do not post it publicly, in order that others can have a legitimate chance to copy it, if a verification is desired. The CW is very slow and you could write down the dots and dashes and decipher them later, if needed. Note he gives an email address for verification requests. Steve NE Oregon (La Grande)

"Hi All, I am running an experimental beacon on 1725 kHz CW (under an FCC Experimental license), about 70W into an inverted-L. Likely tonight only as we are expecting ice storm over the weekend. Will QSL verifiable reports, send report to k2ors-AT-verizon.net. 73 Warren K2ORS" (Steve Ratzlaff, IRCA via DXLD)

What radio and antenna are you using to hear it? (Dennis Gibson, CA, Sent from my iPhone, ibid.)

Icom R75, CW IF filter, narrow audio filter and outside active whip. 73, (Steve, ibid.)

Hi Guys: Lots of Experimental Beacon Stations on the Air last night!! One New Station heard on 1725 kHz!! WH2XDE/3, Wayland, MASSACHUSETTS, Feb/22/15, 0020 UT, CW MODE, GOOD. Part 5 Experimental Station Operated by K2ORS - Warren. 600 Watts of Power. CW Beacon about 5 WPM with ID Repeated as "WH2XDE/3 FN42SI Wayland MA" RADIO USED: DRAKE R8B; ANTENNA USED: 180 Foot Longwire. 73 ROB VA3SW (Robert S. Ross, London, Ontario CANADA, ODXA? yg via DXLD)

Now it can be told since Rob published his log copy anyway: the three letters I was able to copy were DMA --- as in ``WaylanD MA``. It would really have been easier to copy at a somewhat faster rate, as there was fading within single characters (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 104.9 FM via webcasts, WCLV Cleveland, ``Sagebrush Bob`` announces on the Feb 21 edition that `Weekend Radio` will start airing the 12 episodes of `Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy` on Saturday March 21. Probably during the second halves of the one-hour show, which will be on WCLV at 02-03 UT Sundays once DST is running; and on many other stations including KUCO 90.1 OK, one hour later (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VATICAN [non]. 15470, Feb 23 at 1531, YL with S Asian accent in English quoting and commenting on Psalms, fair signal. Aoki shows it's VR via IBB Tinang, PHILIPPINES, ergo violating Separation of Church and State. {And presumably // the DRM noise 15770-15775-15780 from SMG itself, blowing away the BS from 15770} (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VENEZUELA. 1560, YVLZ, MÈrida, 0224-0235, 18-Feb; "...emisora... Venezuela...La Voz Informativa" and low key SS vocals. YV #20. Call/QTH per WRTVH (only 1560 listed) WQEW off (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, All logged by my ears, on my receiver, in real time! DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM. 6020.0, Voice of Vietnam's 4th domestic program, non-direction outlet from Daclac site, S=9+25dB or -55dBm signal in eastern Thailand post. Boring endless female reading at 2321 UT, no music heard at all. [Thailand location, selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B, schel, Feb 24, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews via DXLD) See UNIDENTIFIED 6033.4 below

UNIDENTIFIED. 774, Feb 23 at 1259-1302, JBA carrier from the NW, surely 500 kW NHK2, JOUB, Akita, a prime pilot for trans-Pacific propagation. No full bandscan, but nothing on 828, 747, 702 or 1566 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. [Re 15-07:] Dutch DXer Max Van Arnhem has contacted the club to ask if we can help track down the source of some strange interference he is hearing on 1080 and 1134 kHz, which he suspects may be coming from one of the TalkSport transmitters. If members around the UK could check these frequencies, especially during the daytime, and let Max know if you can hear the interference during the daytime, to try and work out which transmitter it is coming from. Max writes:

I suppose it was in November 2014 that I observed a nasty interference on 1080 and 1134 kHz. Since that time the interference is audible daily. The last week I have put a lot of time in investigating these interferences.

I was also in contact with a group of radio listeners in The Netherlands, Belgium and Germany, who could also hear the interference on both frequencies. The signals are also audible in the UK.

Now it is almost 100% sure that the interference is caused by signals of Talk Sport Radio. It is difficult to say which Talk Sport Radio transmitter is the origin of the interference. Also the Talk Sport transmissions were checked on their frequencies 1071 and 1089 kHz, but no strange signals can be heard.

I made some recordings of the interference which you can hear on the following link:

<https://app.box.com/s/14bw8iwb1lfp10iy081d8t66hz4wbx1l>

Characteristics of the interference:

Frequencies: 1080 kHz (best audible in Lower Side Band) and 1134 kHz (best audible in Upper Side Band, but also in Lower Side Band)

Direction: In The Netherlands, Belgium and Germany the strongest signals of the interference can be heard on north / north west antennas.

Hours of reception of the interference: The interference can be heard in The Netherlands, Belgium and Germany during the hours of darkness; remarkably, the signal sometimes disappears but returns after a short while; maybe that has to do with propagation.

Now the question is which transmitter of Talk Sport is causing the interference? Nearby frequencies are 1071 (two low power stations) and 1089 (several high power stations and also some lower power stations).

As you may know, Talk Sport carries local advertising so if it was possible to match the interference to adverts on a particular regional transmitter it might be possible to work out where it is coming from.

Because of reception conditions here on the mainland [of Europe], it is not very easy to find the transmitter which gives the trouble; so, I would like to ask the UK DXers to check their regional frequencies of Talk Sport and the affected frequencies 1080 and 1134, especially also daylight and not only at darkness.

I hope you can report your findings mentioning your location, also when you don't hear the interference. As mentioned before, the signal sometimes disappears but returns after a short while, so if you don't hear the interference, do listen again somewhat later.

In this way we can probably find the faulty transmitter. 73 (Max van Arnhem, The Netherlands, via BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 1320, Feb 21 at 0131 UT, Spanish talk looping SSE/NNW, mentions Sonora, then fades vs all the CCI. Suspect KXYZ Houston, which is controlled by the ChiCom front running CRI English on 1520 and 1540 most of the time, while 1320 is supposed to be in Chinese; yet, NRC AM Log shows it as Ethnic/brokered/SS at least part of the time. Could a Houstonian confirm whether KXYZ is in Spanish evenings, or ever? Other possibility would be XECPN, Piedras Negras if my DF was off a bit (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Some Feb 23 2245 UT / Febr 24 0015 UT morning log of remote eastern Thailand post at Tha Mai location on Uwe's SDR unit place:

6033.400, Odd Frequency, some Himalayan/Myanmar/Laos/Thailand area - music sound singer heard. Could that be Thimpu Bhutan so early at 2320 UT, in 2300-2400 UT slot, not heard after 0000 UT anymore. Or is this an unknown spurious outlet and needs further investigation.

At 2349 UT on Feb 23 some 10 Hertz downwards now on 6033.390 kHz, little scratchy audio sound, like SE Asian jungle or mountain forest

tribe people radio program, S=5 fade-out. [Thailand location, selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz] (Wolfgang B,schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 24 via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DXLD)

VIETNAM So, the 6033.4 kHz UNIDENTIFIED Spurious signal seems in the clearing now --- Most probably two symmetric spurious audio signals some $\pm 13.400 \dots x.390$ kHz away distance of fundamental Daclac / Dak Lak - Buon Me Thuot' site transmitter installation in Vietnam.

Observed on both domestic Vietnamese 4th service on 6020 and 1st service on 7210 kHz program outlets these days.

That seems their very special footprint. similar item we published in June 2014 already:

``7210.000, Voice of Vietnam 1st domestic px from 'Daclac / Dak Lak - Buon Me Thuot' site scheduled 2145-1700 UT, at 1100 UT June 8, S=9 or -73dBm heard on remote SDR unit in southern Brisbane Australia. But also the Dak Lak station produced two wider spurious signals of 4 kHz wide bandwidth each, on 7196.305 and 7223.685 kHz. vy73 de wolfy``

Uwe sends me this e-mail now: ``Deine Nachricht von Dienstag, 24. Februar 2015 01:43 Uhr UTC lautete:

Ich habe eine mir unbekannte Station auf 6033 kHz geh^rt, nicht einordenbar. Ich tippe auf Ober-/Unterwellen von VoV Daclac auf 6020 kHz. Es ist wie ein Fingerabdruck der installierten Sender in Daclac zu sein, gleiches Ph^nomen auch auf 7210 kHz, siehe Hardcopy. Beide Sender strahlen ein Signal +/- 13,5 kHz aus.`` (Wolfgang B,schel, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Unid on 6660 tonight --- just tuning into a station playing Latin music on 6660 at 0215 UTC for about 30 minutes before fading. Limited commentary Seemed to be another very faint station in the background in English. Any thoughts on what it might be? Nothing in aoki listings for that frequency. Ralph in NYC (Ralph Sorrentino, UT Feb 22, ptsw yg via DXLD)

Maybe the strong / weak station was a Hetrodyne from upper end of the 41 Meter band?? Single conversion set?? Probably not if you have a Dual Conversion set! (Rick Wald, ibid.)

Sounds like a mixing product either in the transmitter or receiver. You should check the 6 and 7 MHz bands for // in English, Spanish (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. PPKD Beacon. Friday, February 20, 2015, 0211, 6815 usb. PPKD in slow CW, on top of a burbly, s7, very good (Larry Will, MD, DX

LISTENING DIGEST)

I found several other logs of this but no one says where it is; not in the LWCA HIFER list. And if it is in CW, how can it also be in USB?
(Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 7435, UNKNOWNIA, BBC WS, 2/23, 1630. Discussion of weather and "You're listening to the BBC in London". Very clear ID, but I don't have them here at this hour. Good (Rick Barton, (far north) Peoria AZ, listening from my tent by the lake, Grundig Satellit 750, 20' wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. EGYPT. 9140 Spur?? Hello DXers, Checking 31 MB today I noticed a strange spur on 9140 playing off beat Egyptian song followed by Holly Quran at 1130 UT. That pattern of songs and Qur'an is a bit strange; any ideas which station is this one? 73 (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Egypt, Feb 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9130 - 9140 kHz --- looks like a technical intermodulation at Abis transmitter site ? MW 500/100 kW Abis 774 kHz at same location.
9905 R Cairo minus 774 kHz at Abis = 9131 kHz.

9655 is a R Cairo frequency registration
9655 1800-1900 UT to 28 from Abis
maybe an engineering TX and antenna check on afternoon ?
73 wb (Wolfgang B,schel, ibid.)

Hello Wolfie, Thanks for the analysis, but the strange thing is, the Qur'an is on for the last couple of hours. It's still on as I'm writing this 1345 UT and the Middle East Radio is having different programmes. Will upload a video on youtube soon (Tarek Sent from my iPad ibid.) Hello Again, Same station on 9655 kHz, 1137 UT! (Tarek Zeidan, Cairo, Feb 19, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9131 would be close but no cigar for Tarek's 9140 report. See also 9600/9550 logs below, may or may not be related to this? (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9338 approx., Feb 22 at 1358, heavy noise centered approx. here, jamming? Nothing in Aoki on 9335 or 9340 at any hour, but HFCC has a registration for PBC, Islamabad, Pakistan at 1330-1530 on 9335 in Urdu and English, 250 kW, 282 degrees. Possibly instead of wooden, that transmitter is on and malfunctioning (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9355, Feb 20 at 1403, open carrier with hum, 1405 tone and off. Likely VOA Tinang tuning up for the 1430 Burmese broadcast (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED [and non]. 9395, Monday Feb 23 at 1508 during Global 24's 'Sounds from the Global Village', good world music show, interruption for 2-way calls twice in American accent, mentioning Coast Guard! Nothing more of that past 1530. If SSB, it must have been zero-beat to the WRMI carrier, as it sounded just right and no het. I wonder if 9395 is on any roster as a USCG frequency. How about it, NTIA? Of did what I heard somehow get mixed into the G24/WRMI transmission itself (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. February 17:

UNIDentified station, playing Egyptian music 0911 on 9600
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aPZ2u_fc_U8&feature=youtu.be

UNIDentified station, playing Egyptian music 0915 on 9600
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CtNWz71z00o&feature=youtu.be>

UNIDentified station, playing Egyptian music 1220 on 9550
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MvzH1b5MNYw&feature=youtu.be>

UNIDentified station, playing Egyptian music 1224 on 9550
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j3kYov7ewxU&feature=youtu.be>

UNIDentified station, playing Egyptian music 1230 on 9550
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTzYMuLuY6M&feature=youtu.be>

UNIDentified station, playing Egyptian music 1233 on 9550
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oUQ2VZhXTMs&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED station, playing light music was heard on Feb 20 1215-1231 on 9600. It signed on at approximately 1211 with 1 kHz test tone, look last 5 videos:
<http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/unidentified-station-playing-egyptian.html>
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, QTH: Sofia, Bulgaria, dxldyg via DXLD)

9600 Heard nothing from EGYPT here in Germany at same time slot, wb.

February 20:

UNIDentified station, test tone 1000 Hz 1215 on 9600
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x52i-BNbkdE&feature=youtu.be>

UNIDentified station, playing light music 1215 on 9600
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e59WHLH0Hqs&feature=youtu.be>

UNIDentified station, playing light music 1220 on 9600
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vsgfPSSm8MQ&feature=youtu.be>

UNIDentified station, playing light music 1225 on 9600
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJxoVZ66eHM&feature=youtu.be>

UNIDentified station, playing light music 1228 on 9600
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0rTC98yD04Y&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. I was eager to fetch this mysterious Egypt signal on 31mb like 9400/9500/9600 kHz, from likely Abis - intelligence service - antenna farm, close to MW 774 kHz intermodulation suspicious. Nothing fetched so far on this muslim Friday (Wolfgang B, schel, Some noon Germany logs on Feb 20 at 1130-1255 UT slot, [selected SDR options, span 12.5 kHz RBW 15.3 Hertz], wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Feb 20 via DXLD)

UNID station, playing Egyptian music on Feb 21, 1059-1116 on 9550, long Arabic song, 4 videos:

February 21:

UNIDentified station, test tone 1000 Hz 1059 on 9550
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=taYDOxE0K6k&feature=youtu.be>

UNIDentified station, test tone 1000 Hz 1103 on 9550
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I7E7v1QpFjY&feature=youtu.be>

UNIDentified station, playing Egyptian music 1110 on 9550
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1M67cfswvTI&feature=youtu.be>

UNIDentified station, playing Egyptian music, end of transmission 1115 on 9550
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZmJSX4Cjp0&feature=youtu.be>
(Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Station playing Egyptian music was heard again, plus more videos:

0858-0918 on 9600, long Arabic folk song, 2 videos on Feb 17
till 1036 on 9600, long Arabic folk song, 1 video on Feb 23
1216-1236 on 9550* long Arabic folk song, 4 videos on Feb 17
1059-1116 on 9550* long Arabic folk song, 4 videos on Feb 21
* co-ch China Radio International in Vietnamese (DX RE MIX NEWS #897 from Georgi Bancov and Ivo Ivanov. Feb. 23, 2015 via DXLD)

UNIDentified station, playing Egyptian music was heard again on Feb 25
0858-0901 on 9550 with 1000 Hz test tone and then
0901-0921 on 9550 long Arabic folk song, 5 videos
http://swldxbulgaria.blogspot.com/2015/02/unidentified-station-playing-egyptian_25.html
-- 73! (Ivo Ivanov, Blgaria, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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## UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS

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### ACKNOWLEDGED ON WORLD OF RADIO 1762:

Note from Joseph Vega: World of Radio site and podcast. Very awesome, and appreciated (with a contribution via Paypal to woradio at yahoo.com)

### TO BE ACKNOWLEDGEDLY FUTURELY:

Glenn, Love the show, thanks for all the effort and willingness to share. I am from KY but have been living in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, for 10 years. Are there any signals in particular that you would like a reception report on from here? (Thomas Hunt with a contribution via PayPal to woradio at yahoo.com)

One may also contribute by check or MO in US funds on a US bank to World of Radio, P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702

## PUBLICATIONS

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### GIRARD W'S DXFM STYLE FM DATABASE IN EXCEL - 2015 UPDATE

For those of you who like this, Mike Glass extracted the data from the FCC DB and I've formatted it into (what I think is) a useful format for the second year in a row. Links below. Comments welcome.

Excel 2010/2013 format (12.5MB xlsx):

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/8vw89ye8bwj4aqs/FCC-DXFM%20List%20FM%202-20-15.xlsx?dl=0>

Excel 2003/2007 format (25MB xls):

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/9joaad7q7knkk9g/FCC-DXFM%20List%20FM%202-20-15.xls?dl=0>  
(Bill Nollman, Farmington, CT, Feb 22, WTFDA gg via DXLD)

And thanks again to Mike for generating the raw AM lists from the FCC DB. I've separated it into Tabs for US, Canada, Cuba, Mexico and the rest of what looks like the Western Hemisphere. I'm not sure of the accuracy of anything except the US Tab so enjoy at your own risk.

Excel 2010/2013 format (5.5MB xlsx):

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/x2uiqe96owtzhxf/FCC-DXFM%20List%20AM%202-24-15.xlsx?dl=0>

Excel 2003/2007 format (13.5MB xls):

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/hjdhhhy9y730cqW8/FCC-DXFM%20List%20AM%202-24-15.xls?dl=0>

As with the FM spreadsheets you may want to enter your longitude and latitude in the upper right corner boxes and then do a Sort. This way the azimuth and mileage will be accurate. If you don't know how to do this, just ask (Bill Nollman, ibid.)

#### LANGUAGE LESSONS +++++

Afrikaans:

Re ``It seems the WRTH 2015 refers to it only as SABC, but then English is the primary language of the book, not Afrikaans (gh, DXLD)

Who referred to the WRTH? Yes, this book indicates "SABC" only, but not because the WRTH is in English, otherwise it would mention all other organisations in the translated form. No, the WRTH prefers not to use the Afrikaans equivalent even though it's a language of the country, and nowadays it seems everybody avoids all things Afrikaans. Surely a paranoia.``

Paranoia? Yes, Afrikaans it's \*a\* language of the country, but there are 10 more official languages. Zulu name might be used as the biggest language (how is SABC in Zulu?), but why Afrikaans, being only 3rd in most spoken mother language order and geographically restricted mainly to Capetown area? English is the 4th, but language of commerce and education and generally seen as neutral 'lingua franca' of South Africa, understood & spoken by 45% of the population. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, [WRTH Contributing Editor, and 'A' Schedule & Web Updates Editor], dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

#### QUITAIO

Dario, I said "Quitaio" on purpose; I was actually referring to "Cataio", old Portuguese for "China" , just to see how any Radioescutas yg members would react to it; but nobody commented (Carlos GonÁalves, playdx yg via DXLD)

Cognate to Cathay, old English name for China. Are these corruptions of some Chinese language names, or no relation? Chung-kuo would be far-fetched (gh)

#### WORLD OF HOROLOGY +++++

TIMEANDDATE.COM et al.

I noticed you are referring your users to timeanddate.com from this



page on your site: 209.68.55.189/wor2007.html  
I thought you might want to know there is actually an ad free  
alternative, which can be found here:  
[online-current-time.en.downloadastro.com/tools/](http://online-current-time.en.downloadastro.com/tools/)

It also includes tools like online timer, stopwatch and countdown (my  
favorite). I'm sure your users will appreciate if you share it with  
them on your page. Thanks, (Lurie Austin, Feb 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Is anyone familiar with this, whether it is safe? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

MUSEA  
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THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF COMPUTING IN BLETCHLEY, UK

- walking tour of computing history.  
<http://youtu.be/mi93VhHSLNk>

A 15 minute walking tour through our history of computing. All of the  
things that we enjoy today -- have roots with all of this gear.  
-- (Colin Newell, BC, IRCA via DXLD)

DX-PEDITIONS  
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GRAYLAND DX-PEDITION FEB 15-22

Just returned from another great week at the Grayland Motel & Cottages  
in Grayland, Washington. Initial sound samples - my usual 'lazy mans'  
way of logging - are up at:  
[http://realmonitor.com/am\\_logs\\_grayland11.php](http://realmonitor.com/am_logs_grayland11.php)  
and more are going up daily.

Conditions weren't too bad for 'this time of year' and 'this time of  
the sunspot cycle.' Which means there were some good days and some not  
so good days. Nothing earthshaking but highlights so far are/were 16  
Alaskans and counting [not great but respectable], some decent Asian  
conditions on Feb. 17 and 20th and a new Philippine station for me on  
1026 kHz - Sonshine Radio.

Antenna used was a 160' DKAZ at about 290 degrees azimuth (Bill  
Whitacre, Alexandria, VA, NRC-AM via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See also ETHIOPIA; GOA; GUAM; INDIA;  
+++++ OMAN; SPAIN; VATICAN

iDRM: CLEVER RADIO FOR SMART COUNTRIESi

at ABU Digital Broadcasting Symposium, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) Consortium will have a strong presence once again at the ABU Digital Broadcasting Symposium (DBS) 2015 in Kuala Lumpur LINK, one of the premier digital events in Asia. DBS is a key event in the DRM calendar. A general update will be offered on the opening day (Wednesday 4th March) under the title "Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) - Delivering to all your needs".

Focusing on the significant cost and spectrum savings delivered by DRM (i.e. using Single Frequency Network deployment) the DRM Workshop "Digital Radio Mondiale (DRM) - Clever Radio for Smart Countries" is to be held on Thursday 5th March 1400-1500 in Safir room 2. The event will offer participants an opportunity to learn more about digital radio and to experience the full DRM technology. Attendees will be invited to ask their own questions about the practical steps needed to create a healthy digital system involving the key stakeholders: listeners, regulator, broadcasters and the receiver manufacturing industry. The new Avion DRM radio has recently been unveiled in India and participants will be able to see and hear for themselves how the listener can experience more choice, enhanced sound quality, text and additional data services.

Ruxandra Obreja, DRM Chairman, is excited about this premier ABU event which has been supported by the Consortium for quite a number of years now because: "We can bring the latest developments to a wide range of specialists while having DRM championed by some of our best DRM experts and practitioners."

(Press Release via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, dxs\_asia yg via DXLD

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC  
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IBiquity Launches Private-Label HD Radio Tuner Line  
<http://www.radioworld.com/article/ibiquity-launches-private-label-hd-radio-tuner-line/274644>

Very interesting. The only AM HD radios I know of are Sangean and Sony component tuners that have to be plugged into a stereo receiver or amplifier. Are there any AM HD portables? I've never seen one.

If you want a portable FM HD radio and don't need super great sound I recommend this. It is incredibly sensitive and selective. It has 20 presets, not 10.

<http://www.bestbuy.com/site/insignia-hd-radio-tabletop-radio-black/4635744.p?id=1218505477073&skuId=4635744>

Sent from my iPhone (Dennis Gibson, WB6TNB, Feb 23, ABDX via DXLD)

There is one on the url you sent. It's the first one I've ever seen (Kevin Redding, Crump, TN, ibid.)

I saw it. I wish I knew how much signal it needs to switch to AM HD. I've only seen one AM HD tuner. It was a Sangean inside the conference room at the KSL Broadcast House in Salt Lake City. The tour guide tried to get KSL in HD but there was too much manmade noise and it wouldn't switch. He was really embarrassed.

The Insignia FM HD radio takes a lot of signal to switch to HD but during intense ducting from San Diego a few stations from there have done it.

I would not be crazy about buying an IBiquity product but if it's the only one of its kind for AM I might. Sent from my iPhone (Gibson, ibid.)

Ibiquity launch: Portable and table top models. Not all have AM (Allan Dunn, K1UCY, WTFDA gg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV See also MEXICO  
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REVERSE AUCTION, REPACKING, WILL CAUSE LOSS OF STATIONS

<http://northpine.com/>

WISCONSIN: The National Association of Broadcasters released a study Wednesday showing that at least half of the UHF stations in the Milwaukee market would have to be voluntarily relinquished in order for the FCC to recover 120 MHz of spectrum in next year's reverse auction.

The NAB's study, based on data from FCC simulations released last year, found that between 7 and 11 of the Milwaukee market's 13 UHF full-power and Class A stations would have to go off the air. The study says Milwaukee is the only Upper Midwest market that would definitely have to lose a UHF station in order for the auction to work, though the loss of at least one UHF station may be needed in some other markets in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa depending on which stations choose to participate.

Stations that voluntarily relinquish their UHF spectrum could move to VHF, agree to share a channel with another station, or go off the air completely. Most digital TV stations broadcast on UHF, which is easier to receive with an indoor antenna. Many remap to their former VHF broadcast channel numbers on receivers. (2/18/2015) (VIA Kevin

Redding, TN, Feb 22, ABDX via DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM  
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DRAKE STILL REPAIRS THE R8'S

as I had mine reconditioned a couple years ago and it works better than new (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, Feb 23, IRCA via DXLD)

Hi Patrick and all, Drake ceased repair operations of all amateur and shortwave radios back in July 2012. A former employee, John Kriner, apparently will work on the R8 series, at least for now, through his private business. Looks like you got in under the wire (Chris VE6IY Dorn, ibid.)

Chris, That I did not know. The tech I talked to at the time told me that Drake would continue to repair the R8s until they could not get the parts. But at least John Kriner is continuing with the repairs. Hopefully mine will last many more years. It lasted 19 years before I got it repaired and that was 2011. I guess it has been 4 years now. Time flies. The R75 seems like the best choice now, unless a DXer wants to spend a mint, if they want an analog receiver (Patrick Martin, Seaside OR, ibid.)

RESUSCITATING THE SPR4

I turned on the SPR4 that lives 'built into' my radio desk in Williamston last weekend to do a quickie bandscan, and was greeted with a cacophony of clicks, ticks and static. I tapped the case thinking maybe the antenna was loose, and it settled down a bit -- for about 5 seconds and then continued to click away. I grumbled -- I had just disassembled the desk and the radio to relamp the pilot lights about a month ago and nothing looked amiss, so I took off the BOTTOM cover rather than the top one that you need to open up to access the pilot lights.

It all looked fine EXCEPT one electrolytic capacitor looked like it had honey smeared over it and the bottom cover had 'drippings' from it. OK -- I suppose the radio is pushing 40 years old so I can't complain about capacitors going bad, but what a pain. I of course didn't have a 200 Mike 15 volt capacitor in my stock, but it was on the audio board in some sort of 'pi' network filter, so I figured the 330/25 volt I DID have would work. Pulled the old one out, put the new one in and crossed my fingers and now the only static I'm hearing is from thunderstorms.

It has been so long since a repair went so smoothly, I figured it was

worth mention! Shoot -- time before last, I had issues replacing the pilot lamps in this radio! :)

Don't let anyone tell you older radios aren't worth it. Some of the 'new' stuff made in China and designed such that it can't be repaired, yes, you just throw it out when it stops working, but anything made in the USA before 1980 is gonna be 'fixable' and probably worth fixing too.

I have often said I don't know exactly why or how it happened, but I know WHEN society started its downhill slide. I have a 1950s vintage hi-fi record player that prominently stamped on the back is a statement with arrows pointing to four screws: "Remove these screws to service". I have a 1970s vintage stereo that is prominently stamped "Do not remove covers, no user servicable parts inside". THAT is when we started to degenerate as a society. When people were told "don't even think of being self sufficient, you are a consumer, not a customer, and you should just be a good doobie and go buy a new one" we lost a bit of our souls. NOW I really feel like an olde farte. :) [That's the drippy cap in front.][caption]  
(Kenneth Vito Zichi, Williamston MI, MARE Tipsheet Feb 20 via DXLD)

Paul Dobosz retorts:

Other than modern VHF and UHF radios from Motorola's professional line sold primarily to law enforcement types, everything I own is Circa 1980 or before. My Collins KWM-2A (built in 1969 while I was working for Collins) has some of the nicest audio (TX and RX) of any radio I've heard. The Collins mechanical filters can't be beat for their steep shape factor, smooth passband and lack of spurious response more than 50 kHz away from their 70 dB bandpass.

The DSP processed audio from the new crop of receivers really pulls signals out of the mud but the audio recovered is not as easy on the ears due to artifacts from the processing algorithms. I sold a nearly new \$3000 top-of-the-line transceiver a couple of years ago because I found the receive audio so unpleasant.

My current crop of radios (besides the Collins) includes an early 80's vintage TS-130 Kenwood transceiver, a late 70's Icom IC-211 2 meter multi-mode transceiver. A late 70's Icom IC-22U that I found at a swap in pristine but inop condition for a mere \$5. I repaired the radio for pocket change and use it daily. My JRC NRD-525 is somewhat modern but serviceable and my latest acquisition, a Yaesu FRG-7 in need of TLC is currently undergoing restoration. I even use old Microphones for transmit. The Shure 55S is provides smooth sounding audio and styling that matches the Collins radio and looks awesome setting on the desk.

One thing I've noticed is that the really classic older equipment is beginning to go up in price significantly as people discover that the old stuff is a pleasure to use and built to last. Try to buy a Collins, Drake, Hallicrafters, Hammarlund, or National radio in decent condition for less than a king's ransom. If you are prepared to restore them yourself, you might find a bargain now and then. Even Heathkits are fetching premium prices as collectors clamor for the serviceable and solidly designed radios of old. Enough of a trip down memory lane from another card carrying member of the OFA (Old Farts Association) (Paul Dobosz, Muskegon MI, MARE Tipsheet Feb 20 via DXLD)

#### PROPAGATION

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Propagação F em Mato Grosso

E ai pessoal tudo bem? Consegui acompanhar a abertura dessa noite, Chile chegando forte apesar dos seus 2 mil km segue log:  
88.5, 22/02 0050 UT, R. Concierto, Santiago, Chile  
88.9, 22/01 0103 UT, R. Futuro, Santiago, Chile

Assim que der posto os videos no meu canal do youtube. Equipamentos usados Tecsun PL-660 antena PQ1000FM Proeletronic (Adriano Rossoni, PY9001SWL, Cuiabá-MT-Brasil <http://www.youtube.com/adryan0radioescutas> via DXLD)

From the distance and frequency, it's obviously sporadic E, NOT F-layer propagation. And judging from the timestamp on the post, the UT date should have been 23 Feb (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

:Product: Weekly Highlights and Forecasts

:Issued: 2015 Feb 23 0555 UTC

# Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center

# Product description and SWPC contact on the Web

# <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/weekly.html>

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# Weekly Highlights and Forecasts

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Highlights of Solar and Geomagnetic Activity 16 - 22 February 2015

Solar activity began the period with very low levels on 16-17 February with a few B-class flares observed from Region 2282 (N11, L-187, class/area Eho/250 on 11 Feb). Activity increased to low levels on 18-21 February with weak C-class flares observed from Regions 2282 and 2286 (S18, L=193, class/area Cao/030 on 18 Feb). During this time frame, the largest events were a C3/Sf flare at 18/2207 UTC from Region 2282 and a long duration C2 x-ray event on 20/1522 UTC from

departed Region 2286. By 22 February, activity declined to very low levels. During the period, no Earth-directed CMEs were observed.

No proton events were observed at geosynchronous orbit. However, a greater than 10 MeV proton enhancement was observed beginning midday on 21 February and remained enhanced through period's end. Peak flux reached 1.3 pfu at 21/1925 UTC. The enhancement was due to effects from a large CME whose origin was a large filament eruption located backside in the south central portion of the disk.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit was at moderate levels on 16, 19-21 February and normal levels on 17-18 and 22 February.

Geomagnetic field activity was generally quiet to unsettled throughout the week with periods of active to isolated minor storm periods on 17-18 February. This activity was due to high speed winds from a negative polarity, trans-equatorial coronal hole. Solar wind speeds were mostly nominal through the period at 325-350 km/s but reached a peak of about 485 km/s early on 18 February. IMF total field averaged about 5 nT with a maximum of 16 nT observed early on 17 February. The Bz component did not vary much beyond +/- 5 nT for a majority of the period. However, during the coronal hole influence, Bz ranged from +14 to -12 nT. Phi was in a predominately negative (towards) orientation throughout the period.

#### FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 23 FEBRUARY - 21 MARCH 2015

Solar activity is expected to be at very low to low levels through about 04 March. From 05-18 March, a chance for moderate activity exists due to the return of old Region 2282 (N11, L=191) which was an M-class flare producer on its last transit. Upon old Region 2282's exit, very low to low conditions are expected from 19-21 March.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit in the absence of any significant solar activity.

The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels throughout a majority of the outlook period. However, moderate to high levels are likely on 01-09 March and again on 15-19 March due to coronal hole high speed stream activity.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at predominately quiet to unsettled levels throughout the outlook period with active conditions likely on 27-28 February, 01-02 March and 16-17 March due to coronal hole high speed stream activity.

:Product: 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table 27D0.txt  
 :Issued: 2015 Feb 23 0555 UTC  
 # Prepared by the US Dept. of Commerce, NOAA, Space Weather Prediction Center  
 # Product description and SWPC contact on the Web  
 # <http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/wwire.html>  
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 # 27-day Space Weather Outlook Table  
 # Issued 2015-02-23  
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| #    | UTC    | Radio Flux | Planetary | Largest  |
|------|--------|------------|-----------|----------|
| #    | Date   | 10.7 cm    | A Index   | Kp Index |
| 2015 | Feb 23 | 120        | 10        | 3        |
| 2015 | Feb 24 | 120        | 8         | 3        |
| 2015 | Feb 25 | 130        | 8         | 3        |
| 2015 | Feb 26 | 130        | 8         | 3        |
| 2015 | Feb 27 | 130        | 15        | 4        |
| 2015 | Feb 28 | 130        | 18        | 4        |
| 2015 | Mar 01 | 130        | 18        | 4        |
| 2015 | Mar 02 | 125        | 12        | 3        |
| 2015 | Mar 03 | 125        | 10        | 3        |
| 2015 | Mar 04 | 125        | 10        | 3        |
| 2015 | Mar 05 | 125        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 | Mar 06 | 130        | 7         | 2        |
| 2015 | Mar 07 | 135        | 10        | 3        |
| 2015 | Mar 08 | 135        | 10        | 3        |
| 2015 | Mar 09 | 135        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 | Mar 10 | 130        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 | Mar 11 | 125        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 | Mar 12 | 125        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 | Mar 13 | 120        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 | Mar 14 | 120        | 10        | 3        |
| 2015 | Mar 15 | 120        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 | Mar 16 | 120        | 15        | 4        |
| 2015 | Mar 17 | 120        | 15        | 4        |
| 2015 | Mar 18 | 115        | 8         | 3        |
| 2015 | Mar 19 | 115        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 | Mar 20 | 115        | 5         | 2        |
| 2015 | Mar 21 | 115        | 5         | 2        |

(SWPC via WORLD OF RADIO 1762, DXLD)

SWPC BACKUP SYSTEM TESTING - TO RESUME MARCH 4 & 5

SWPC will again be testing its backup system on Wednesday, March 4th and/or Thursday, March 5th. We will provide further schedule information once it has been confirmed. While we were out of service much longer than expected on February 25th, we were able to make great progress towards having a fully operational, geographically diverse



backup for all SWPC products and services (SWPC Feb 27 via DXLD)

PROPAGATION OUTLOOK FROM GLENN FOR MEDIA NETWORK PLUS ASOF FEBRUARY 26

Keith, IPS in Australia expects mostly normal HF conditions thru February 28.

South African spaceweather: Magnetic conditions increasing to active by Feb 28; shortwave fadeouts unlikely, MUF unstable

Met Office UK forecasts solar activity increasing by March 1:  
Geomagnetic activity occasionally active especially February 28 and March 1.

The outlook from Petr Kolman of the Czech Propagation Interest Group:  
Geomagnetic field will be:  
quiet to unsettled February 27, March 3, 4, 9, 15  
active to disturbed on February 28, March 2  
disturbed on March 1  
mostly quiet on March 5, 7, 14, 18  
quiet on March 6, 11, 12 and 13.

SWPC in Boulder says active geomagnetic conditions are likely February 27 to March 2, and again March 16-17. A and K indices peaking at 18 and 4 on Feb 28 and March 1; 15 and 4 on March 16 and 17. Solar flux peaking at 135, on March 7 to 9, dipping to 115 by March 18.

Bill Hepburn's VHF UHF DX maps call for intense tropospheric ducting off the Texas coast and between Florida and Cuba on March 2 and 3 (via DXLD)

MEDIA NETWORK PLUS'S PROPAGATION EDITOR:  
<http://pcjmedia.com/component/content/article/1-latest-news/264-media-network-pluss-propagation-editor>  
(via gh, DXLD)

THE SUN JUST BARFED  
<http://io9.com/stare-in-awe-at-this-fiery-footage-of-a-solar-eruption-1687310302>  
(Kevin Redding, 0357 UT Feb 24, ABDX via DXLD) See MEXICO

TIPS FOR RATIONAL LIVING  
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A GUIDE TO A GODLESS MORALITY  
February 26, 2015 at 11:00 AM

More Americans are turning away from religion. We'll look at how to live a moral life without it.

Religion is a solace and inspiration for millions and millions of Americans. For millions of others, it is not. Twenty percent of Americans now say they have no religious affiliation. For young people, it is nearly a third. They don't all say they are atheist, or even agnostic. But many millions are now living a secular life. Non-religious. My guest today has interviewed lots of those Americans and the people who study them. To look at where they find their morals, their community, their transcendence, their awe. This hour On Point: Meaning, morals, and the secular life. ñ Tom Ashbrook

More discussion, link and 48-minute audio:

<http://onpoint.wbur.org/2015/02/26/atheist-secular-life-god-morality>  
(via gh, DXLD) ###